

“The House Hope Built”

Hebrews 3:6

Series: Unlimited Access – Hope is a Perspective

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Hello, church family! I believe the Lord has a Word for us today. I want to extend a warm welcome to those who are here for the first time. You’re stepping into a place where you belong before you believe.

Whether you're joining us online or in person, I'm glad you're here. Last week, we launched a series called Unlimited Access, exploring the book of Hebrews. Pastor Doug brought a word last week to celebrate Easter that transformed lives. We learned “How Hebrews 1 presents Jesus as the ultimate revelation of God and the foundation of our hope.” Today we will be in Hebrews chapter 3 so if you have your bibles please open them up to Hebrews 3, Hebrews 3. Today's title is “The House Hope Built — Finding your place in a story that won't fall apart.” There's this moment in every superhero movie — The music swells. The villain rises.

The world's in danger. And the hero — scared, unsure, often unprepared — is called to step in. I live for that moment. We watch those stories because deep down... we long to live in them. Not because we want capes or laser vision — but because we want what those stories offer: Someone who shows up when things fall apart. and offers HOPE. Maybe your finances are hanging by a thread. Maybe your marriage feels like two strangers under the same roof. Maybe the gap between you and your kids is getting wider... and your voice feels smaller. Or maybe your business is sinking, and you're hoping for someone to believe in it... to believe in you. In every one of those moments, we're not just wishing for a solution — we're longing for a Savior. We're longing for Hope. And we're not the first.

The Israelites did too. They had Moses — a leader, a deliverer, a figure who stood in the gap between slavery and freedom. Moses was for the Israelites what we long for our lives. A savior. In my theological classes in college we are told that Moses was a “Christ-figure”. Which means he was an individual that represented or foreshadowed what Jesus would ultimately be. Moses was not perfect but stepped up when God revealed himself to him through the burning bush.

He was their Christ figure. TRANSITION: And yet Hebrews 3 says this: Hebrews 3:1–6 NIV 1 Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. 2 He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. 3 Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. Hebrews 3:1–6 NIV 4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. 5 “Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house,” bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. 6 But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory. 1. Christ is Greater — and He's building something better. When studying God's word we have to take our time and try our best to understand what it is God is trying to say to us. We want to have ears to hear and eyes to see the truth of God's word. Right away we see that the author of Hebrews is reminding us of our identity. He is reminding us that we are chosen by God and are all unified within his family. He calls of “Holy brothers and sisters” and continues by saying “who share in the heavenly

calling.” Reminding us that our identity is not anchored in what this world can offer. It is not in our jobs, our family, our statue, our wealth. But our identity comes from that of the living God. This God calls us out from the stories we’ve settled for... and invites us into the one we were born to live. He has a calling for your life that is far better than you could ever imagine. An eternal purpose. God’s love is imprinted on our identity — and recognizing we are His... anchors us in our purpose and His people. This gives our souls purpose to walk through the storms of life unshaken. Understanding that God has already chosen us, even before we knew Him.

This identity can be shared with the Israelites that found themselves in slavery for over 400 years. They longed for a Savior and that is exactly what Moses was for them. Moses was a Christ figure. But he’s not coming to fix your marriage, your bank account, or your wif... You won’t see him splitting traffic on 95 so you can get to work on time. If you’re still waiting on Moses — you might be waiting a while... But Jesus — He’s not only greater than Moses. He’s here. And He’s the Savior we’ve always needed. That is what the author of Hebrews is telling us. This is where we can find comfort in our chaos. That the hope the movies shows us is real, tangible, and walked this earth around 2000 years ago. Jesus is our Hope. His hope built us a house. It is the House Hope built. We see in v1 it says “fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest.” We should find our comfort within these words. Jesus is our apostle — our high priest. On Easter when we celebrate Jesus’ death and resurrection, we also celebrate the curtain being torn in two from top to bottom. As scripture says “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Tim 2:5). This means that we have direct access — unlimited access to God (& Christ).

That is what it means when Jesus is our high priest. You may be thinking when we watch movies we find ourselves wanting to be the hero. They seem to struggle and be relatable. They seem to be human before their superhuman. But Jesus, He was perfect. He doesn’t know what it feels like to struggle, to sin, to walk in my shoes. I hope if you came here today thinking that, you find comfort in these words from Hebrews chapter 2, “Now since the children have flesh and blood in common, Jesus also shared in these. . . He had to be like his brothers and sisters in every way, so that he could become a merciful and faithful high priest in matters pertaining to God. . . For since he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.” (Hebrews 2). Jesus shared with us what it means to be human. He shared with us how it feels to struggle. What betrayal and temptation feel like. He understands death and loss. He experienced all the sin on himself.

He knows what it feels like to be hurt by someone close to him. Jesus was like us in our humanity — in order to become our savior. In doing that he spreads hope. “And because He chose to step into our story — to feel our pain, carry our shame, and walk in our skin — we now step into His. We don’t just follow Jesus into salvation... we are brought into a whole new identity. As we gather, we remember: We don’t just go to God’s house — we are God’s house. God has called us out of the darkness and has brought us into the light of Christ. He is the Son over God’s house, and our souls are woven into the story of His Gospel. This passage is describing the house of God that can withstand storms beyond our control. in Matthew there’s a passage that describes God’s house as one built on The Rock. Christ as the firm foundation. God’s house is who we are as God’s people. It is not a physical space like this building. God’s house is us as humans. Our bodies are the house of God. To build this house we need hope. We need confidence in what is to come.

This passage, like the rest of Scripture, reminds us that our hope is found in Christ and every promise He’s spoken. As God’s son, He has been faithful. He has brought light into the darkest places and provided us with the opportunity to walk within this hope but we can often only seek hope when we think we need it or feel we’ve lost it. I believe this is exactly what happens when our souls go searching for

hope. We start looking in places we can control. We hope our boss stays in a good mood because it's Friday. We hope our kids finish their homework before the distractions win. We hope our marriage can hold on one more day.

We pray an investor shows up tomorrow to save the sinking ship. But that kind of hope? It's fragile. Because when hope is borrowed from the world, it bends with the weather. But hope built by Christ? It's not seasonal. It's structural. From losing a loved one unexpectedly or finding yourself fighting with your spouse over the little things. Or small storms like hitting traffic or your kids not getting to the bus on time.

These shifts in the forecast of your day can change and toss your hope from side to side. The house built on the temporary hope has cracks and leaks that allow the chaos to seep in and the hope to slip out. And maybe today, you've been living in a house like that. It looked good at first — strong enough to stand, pretty enough to post. But then the storm came... and it started to leak. Let me show you what that kind of house really looks like. Visual Representation: Visual Slide: Black slide with the words "THE HOUSE HOPE BUILT" faintly at bottom corner in white or gray serif font. "Let's be honest — some of us have been building lives out of cardboard and calling it concrete." Some of us here today wonder why they can't hear God's voice when they're not living in God's house. The enemy has convinced you to live in a cardboard box telling you it's a penthouse. "A house made of image. Success. Control. A house made of trying to prove we're okay." "We decorate it with achievements. We patch the cracks with distraction.

We patch it with drinking (it's just one more right?) With pornography With self harm With taking it out on our children because the harder we try to keep it in the more seems to slip out. We isolate ourselves because we think "if people really knew" We tell ourselves "just one more day" This was me. over the past few weeks I allowed myself to believe the lie that I just have to fake it till the work is done. That if I just get through one more day.

Then things will be okay. Disregarding the signals of exhaustion my body was telling me. I pushed forward. Which led to feel mentally overwhelmed, emotionally raw...and unpleasant to work with. But... We tell ourselves it's strong — until..." "...until the storm hits. And suddenly, everything starts to fall apart." "We build with success, with security, with image..." "But when the storm comes... only one house still stands." "The house hope built... not with wood or nails... but with faith. And presence." "It's the house Christ built — on a foundation that doesn't crack. With a roof that doesn't leak. With walls that don't fall when the wind howls." "And this house? It's still standing. And it's still welcoming." [Slide transitions to Hebrews 3:6] "But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house..." "So maybe the invitation today isn't to build harder... but to move in. To finally live in the house that hope already built for you." 2. Only Christ Built Hope Will Hold TRANSITION OUT: And maybe that looks like this: You sat in traffic for an hour on your way home — frustrated, exhausted... but it became the first moment all day you could finally breathe. You woke up before your alarm, not because you had to... but because grace woke you early. And in the quiet, just before the chaos of little feet and cereal spills... you took that first sip of coffee — and found peace waiting... in the silence. This is what it looks like when someone walks into a house built on hope. It may not be this drastic change in perspective but you find yourself walking in what feels like a new life. This eternal and unshakable house is one where you can find peace and it can be your safe haven. "Hope isn't a guest in your life. It's the architect of who you're becoming." Just like you, the people in Hebrews were under pressure — pulled to go back to what was familiar.

They were tired. Persecuted. Losing heart. But this letter wasn't just encouragement... it was a reminder: You're living in the house that hope built. A house that doesn't shake. A story that doesn't fall apart. A foundation that doesn't crack under pressure. And maybe you're here today, and your story feels like it's

falling apart — like it's tearing at the seams. But this moment, this message, this passage...is reminding you: Hope has already done the heavy lifting. The foundation is Christ — and it still holds. "There are houses made of walls and windows...and there are houses made of worship and wonder. There are stories that start strong and fall apart... And there's the story God is writing ---One that holds together even when you don't." Maybe you've heard all this talk about a house that doesn't fall apart — and deep down, you wonder if you're even invited in. You've got questions. You've got baggage. Maybe you've never really chosen God. So why would He choose you? Here's the scandal of grace: This isn't a house you earn your way into — it's a place you're loved into. And even if you haven't taken that step yet... you still belong in this community of Christ.

You're not just a guest in God's house. You're family. You carry the keys. The lights are on... for you. Welcome home. 3. We are God's house — Not guests, but family. As humans, we build our lives one day at a time — trying things, discarding what doesn't work, searching for what will last. But still... something aches in us for the eternal. And maybe, just maybe — we've been measuring life by the wrong blueprints. We patch our walls with self-help mantras. We paint the cracks with filters and forced smiles. But in the quiet... we know. Our stories weren't built to last — until we step into the one that already conquered death. That longing in your soul? It was written for more than this world could offer. Maybe life feels unstable because you've been trying to live in someone else's story. But you were made for the eternal. And to create something eternal... you've got to walk into the house hope is building. You've got to take the step... into the story that won't fall apart. CLOSING: (call worship team up) "What if today isn't about trying to be a better builder...but finally choosing to live in the house that Christ has already built. The House of God. The House hope built. The story that won't fall apart... Is the story that's already been written.

The question is — will you step into it? Will you stop trying to build a kingdom with cardboard walls... and walk into the house that hope already built for you? Let today be the day you move in. The door's already open. You don't have to build your way to God. You just have to come home. Let me pray.