



# Sermon Notes

## “Embracing Hope”

Romans 15:13

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### *Hope is Our Anchor (Hebrews 6:18b,19)*

- Hope never **looks back**
- An anchor is only as **secure** as that to which it is fastened.
- Jesus wants to be your **anchor** in life and He longs for you to be **connected** to Him!

### *What Does it Mean to Embrace Hope? Luk 15:20*

- Defined - to fall upon, i.e. to **seize**, take **possession** of

### *Hope Shines Brightest in the Darkest of Times*

Your hope will be tested by:

- **Delay** – Nothing can steal your hope faster than a delay in seeing things happen.
- **Doubt** - Our own thoughts and the words of others can lead you to question hope.
- **Duty** - the stress of life and its accompanying responsibilities can steal our hope.

### *How do we Embrace Hope? Titus 2:13*

- **Turn** (Take) over to Him all of your burdens (Psalm 42:11).
- **Touch** others with Hope (1 Thessalonians 1:2,3)
- **Trust** in the Lord’s compassion (Lamentations 3:21-25)

### *What Happens When we Embrace Hope? (Psalm 39:7)*

- We are free to **rejoice** (Rom 12:12)
- We receive new **strength** (Isaiah 40:31)
- We are able to wait **patiently** (Romans 8:25)
- We are confident in our **future** (Jeremiah 29:11)