

TRUTH UNASHAMED

Part 3: The New way

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Week 4

This weeks focus scripture: Romans 8:18-25

This weeks reading challenge:

- Romans 8:1-25
- Re-read verse 18-25 several times.
- It's for next few weeks, but go ahead and finish the chapter!

This weeks memory challenge: Romans 8:18

Study and Reflection

Day 1: Read John 16:33. "In this world we will have trouble." Jesus went on to say "*Take heart, for I have overcome the world!*". How do you understand the presence and power of God in your life when you are experiencing 'trouble', be it physical, emotional, or otherwise?

In this message, Pastor Ethan asserted that God does not promise us in scripture that Christians will be protected, or delivered, from the pain and suffering of this life. Do you agree? Have you personally wrestled with christian teaching that God will miraculously intervene in our circumstances if we somehow ask Him in the right way? Taking this a step deeper, what is the difference between something God may choose to DO, and what God has *promised all believers* He will do (and what He has already done)?

† A different kind of Advent

† The reality centuries of Christian culture has tried to avoid

John 16:33

2 Corinthians 4:16

† So, just what IS our Hope?

John 16:33

1 Timothy 1:1

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

† The HOPE of EXPECTATION

Romans 8:18-21

† The HOPE of NEW BIRTH

Romans 8:22-25

† Future Hope, *present Power*. Today, our Hope in Christ brings COURAGE.

- Courage to NOT lose heart!
- Courage to work for GOOD
- Courage to SURRENDER
- Courage to LOVE