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**Message Title:** Hope Overflowing!

**This weeks focus scripture:** *Romans 15:7-13*

**Additional scripture referenced:** *2 Peter 1:2, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Romans 5:15, Colossians 2:6-7, Ephesians 3:17b-21, 2 Corinthians 4:6-10, Ephesians 1:17-23, Colossians 2:9, John 10:10, Psalm 18:49, Deuteronomy 32:43, Psalm 117:1, Isaiah 11:10, John 14:25-27, John 7:37-38*

**This weeks memory challenge:** *Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

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† The all-important, essential, non-negotiable, New Covenant principle of ABUNDANCE!

*2 Peter 1:2                      2 Corinthians 9:7-8      Romans 5:15      Colossians 2:6-7      Ephesians 3:17b-21*  
*2 Corinthians 4:6-10      Ephesians 1:17-23      Colossians 2:9      John 10:10*

† In Christ there is abundant ACCEPTANCE  
*Romans 15:7*

† Christ is fulfillment of Gods PROMISE  
*Romans 15:8*

† An abundance of WORSHIP  
*Romans 15:9-12, Psalm 18:49, Deuteronomy 32:43, Psalm 117:1, Isaiah 11:10*

† An abundance of JOY  
*Romans 15:13*

† An abundance of PEACE  
*Romans 15:13, John 14:25-27*

† An abundance of HOPE  
*Romans 15:13*

† This is all true because of Christ's abundance PRESENCE  
*Romans 15:13, John 7:37-38*

**Day 1:** Pastor Ethan began his message with a look at the consistent New Testament theme of *abundance*- that In Christ, God abundantly provides for us our greatest and deepest needs in life. Take time to read each of the following passages- in each one, what is God promising to abundantly provide?

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*2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

*Romans 5:15*

*Colossians 2:6-7*

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*Ephesians 1:17-23*

*Colossians 2:9*

*John 10:10*

**Day 2:** What struggles do you have with this whole concept of God's abundant provision of all we truly need? What keeps us from recognizing these promises in our daily lives? Take these questions- and even frustrations- before God in prayer. He can handle your honesty! Continue to do this over time, and journal how God is working in this area of your life.

**Day 3:** Read Romans 15:7. This is a powerful statement of God's goodness to us and through us! Do you believe that Christ has fully accepted you? What does this mean? (Hint, it's more than just forgiveness).

In Christ, you are not just accepted, you are acceptable. To believe this is a step of faith, but one that God desires for you to experience in daily life. What power does God want this truth to have in your life- that *In Him*, you are acceptable? How might our flesh want to distort this amazing promise?

Just as you are accepted and acceptable, so is every believer around you. What fellow believer is God working to soften your heart toward, given this truth about them?

**Day 4:** Read Romans 15:13. Work to commit this to memory. Honestly spend time with God about your experience of his Hope, His Peace, and His Joy in your life. What action on our part is integral to experiencing these gifts? What power does God continuously provide for us to experience these gifts? What does this look like in your daily life?