

New life Christian Fellowship

message of hope for the week

Failing economy, facilities shut down, Remplo factories closing, disability benefits changing, loss and illness, these things can lead to worry.

For those who feel hopeless, I want to share hope with you today.

Jesus' followers lost hope when Jesus was killed. Watching helplessly as he was whipped and nailed to a cross, thinking: "Is this our God? Why doesn't he do something!!" They hid in a locked room. They lost everything. Fear had replaced faith, they forgot God's promises.

Three women went to embalm Jesus' body, they too had lost hope. But the tomb was empty. Two men in gleaming clothes appeared saying:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " (The Bible Luke 24:5-8)

Then they remembered. They began to hope again. This hope spread. Fear turned into faith.

The Bible has many accounts of Jesus being alive again. He spoke, ate and talked with his followers. They saw his scars and remembered God's promises: "by his wounds we are healed."

Things may seem hopeless. Everything here will not last forever, things change and change can be scary; but there is one who can give you peace, hope in hopeless situations. He has the power to set you free from hurts, fear, worries and wrongs. This isn't always instant, it may take time, But you have to start to trust him. This is God's Good News to you.

Regarding worry Jesus said, "...I tell you not to worry about everyday life — whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear. For life is more than food, and your body more than clothing. Look at the ravens. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds! Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And if worry can't accomplish a little thing like that, what's the use of worrying over bigger things?"

(Luke 12:22-26)

When you lose hope, talk to Jesus. Tell him all your concerns, he is waiting to hear from you today.

New Life Christian Fellowship meet in Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am on Sundays. Please call if you want someone to talk to or pray for you.

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