



HOPE IN A SUMP PUMP

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Two years ago we had so much snow and even some crazy rain storms here in Minnesota. The overkill of water became evident to me when I walked down into our basement one morning and as I stepped on the carpet my foot went “squish.” I looked down anticipating a glass of spilled water when my son, Ethan, standing behind our keyboard says, “my feet are wet over here, dad.”

“Oh no!” I said with a panic as I ran into the storage room to find a lake had built up around the hole where my sump pump was deeply submerged...sitting idle, not running at all. It stopped working in the middle of the night during a hard rain and now my basement was a lake. Make that 10,001 for those of you counting.

I immediately went over to “Lake Eide” and pulled out the pump, reset it, checked all the needed points and got it going again. It was working more slowly but at least working. The water went down but the damage was done. We made the calls to insurance and they connected us with a cleaning and drying service. My carpet torn out, stuff hanging to dry, and dryers blowing everywhere....but at least the pump was working again...so I thought.

Right before I went to bed I felt prompted to “check the pump.”

I casually went downstairs to find my pump had stopped minutes earlier. Due to the rain/snow outside, the water was filling the sump pump basin fast. I reached into the water, pulled out the pump, got it working again but it seemed even weaker than the last time. It was late and no store was open to buy a new pump. I didn’t want to call an emergency plumber because of the cost and still my current pump was only kind of working. I called my brother Tom. We talked about some creative ideas but the only option I could come up with was to stay up all night to make sure the pump didn’t quit again. I had no hope my pump would make it through the night.

It was a long night. The pump became weaker throughout the night and though it did make it to morning, at 6 a.m., this guy bought a new pump. But a wet basement really messes up a lot of things and is not cheap to restore.

I put my trust and hope in a pump to keep my house dry and the water away. Not a good place to put my hope. Hope lost and a lake was gained. Bummer.

The following Sunday, our Worship Leader, Chris Greseth, gave a solid teaching about our hope as followers of Christ. In Acts 24 and throughout the Psalms, the Word directs us to put our hope “in” God.

**NOT JUST HOPE ABOUT GOD,
BUT PUT OUR HOPE IN GOD.**

WHY? Because God never fails. The love of Jesus never fails. The Holy Spirit is not afraid. God is faithful and never breaks a promise and our hope in Him will not disappoint us.

“And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (Romans 5:3-5)

I needed to hear this. My hope is my anchor while my lifeboat enjoys sunny days or really stormy seas.

**SO HERE IS A QUESTION TO YOU IN
REGARDS TO YOUR FAMILY ...**

INTENTIONALLY
PUTTING THE HOPE
OF YOUR FAMILY,
THEIR LIFE ANCHOR,
IN ANYTHING OTHER
THAN JESUS CHRIST IS
LIKE PUTTING HOPE IN
A SLOW WORKING
SUMP PUMP.

Is your family in the midst of suffering from living in this fallen world of sin? Lost job, sickness, relationship struggles, school trials, loneliness, over taken with fears you can’t control? Are you experiencing some kind of persecution because of trying to be a light for Christ? Trying to do the right thing for your family only then finding yourself defeated or attacked?

You can have hope. Your family’s hope is “IN” God the Father.

His timing is perfect, His love is perfect, and His plan for your family is one of a hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

Friends, intentionally putting the hope of your family, their life anchor, in anything other than Jesus Christ is like putting hope in a slow working sump pump. It will keep you up at night when the storms come and it will eventually fail. Hope in Jesus will not. Never has, never will.

Make sure your hope is well placed my friends, at all times and all places. God is good all the time!

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In conjunction with the theme of his 10th CD, TASTE AND SEE, Peder felt God calling him to a heartfelt mission to unite moms and dads and brothers and sisters in one setting where they could “TASTE WORSHIP” together. Through this exciting new ministry, families are exposed to the practical tools that will transform their lives, guiding them into a lifestyle of worship. *“I want to help families worship. My vision is to encourage their connection with Jesus while at the same time helping them engage with one another in worship at home, work, school, and on vacation - in addition to their regular Sunday worship.”*



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