

# EASTER AT HOME

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## SERMON NOTES:

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

— **John 3:17 (NIV)**

*But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*

— **Romans 5:8 (NLT)**

The cross symbolizes crazy love and scandalous grace.

Because of Easter, you have 3 promises.

### 1. Healing from yesterday's mistakes.

*Because of the loving devotion of the Lord we are not consumed, for His mercies never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness!*

— **Lamentations 3:22-23 (BSB)**

Your ability to receive what God has for you is determined by your perspective.

Grace covers the ground that you can't.

### 2. Help for today's challenges.

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*

— **Psalms 46:1 (NIV)**

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*...And to those who have no might He increases strength.*

— **Isaiah 40:29 (NKJV)**

Divine power is best displayed against the backdrop of human weakness.

*When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.*

— **Acts 4:13 (NIV)**

You have to be connected to the source to receive the strength.

*Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

— **Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)**

*The Lord is near to all who call on him.*

— **Psalms 145:18 (NIV)**

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.*

— **1 John 5:14 (NIV)**

### **3. Hope for tomorrow's promises.**

*"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."*

— **Lamentations 3:24 (BSB)**

*So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.*

— **2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (MSG)**

## **DISCUSSION GUIDE:**

1. Pastor Jeremy talked about us often having a wrong perspective of who Jesus is....Do you feel like you have the right perspective of Jesus?
  - Who would you say Jesus is to you?
2. In what areas of your life are you still holding on to guilt?
  - How can you begin to walk in the grace the Lord has already provided for you?
3. We learned the importance of community in Christian's story... What's one practical next step you can take this week to get connected to others in community, even if it's virtually/digitally during this time?
4. Do you find that you're connected to the Source or striving in your own strength?
  - Do you need to change that? If so, how?
5. What promises has the Lord given you? Are you actively declaring those promises over your life?
  - What what are some practical ways you can begin to walk those out in faith?
6. **Psalm 145:18** says the Lord is near to all who call on him...  
He promises to be there with you and to answer when you call. Take a few minutes with your watch party, see how you can pray for one another and then take some time in prayer together for each other's needs.