

# EASTER

AT SUN GROVE CHURCH

## TORMENTED BY HOPE

1. CULTURE SAYS, "IF SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH ME, YOU SHOULD BE **PROUD** OF ME." SO YOU BOAST ABOUT WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU.

**Romans 5:2-4** *And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.*

2. YOU CAN FEAR HOPE, BECAUSE YOU ARE CONDITIONED TO BELIEVE HOPE WILL **DISAPPOINT**. THE RESULT? YOU'RE **STUCK**.

**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.*

3. WHERE THE HOLY SPIRIT IS, EVERYTHING **GROWS**.  
(Matthew 27:62-66 & Matthew 28)

4. THE RESURRECTION GAVE THE DISCIPLES AN ADVANTAGE IN AN AGE OF **ANXIETY** & DEPRESSION IN TWO AREAS:

A. **IDENTITY** IS FOUND IN COMMUNITY & THE RESURRECTION SOLIDIFIES IT.

**Romans 8:15** *"The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father.""*

B. **GRIT** - THE ABILITY FOR SUSTAINED PROGRESS IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION BECAUSE OF HOPE.

**Romans 8:24-25** *For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.*