

### WELCOME

#### Our Mission is to . . .

- Connect you to Jesus
- Connect you to His community for discipleship
- Connect you to your mission and purpose in life

We are not here to tell you what to wear, eat, listen to, vote for, or even believe. These are things you must determine for yourself if you want to have real faith. We are here to give you truth, facts, tools and point out that every choice, every belief, and every action you make is tied to an outcome in your life. You can't do life without developing a strong foundation and becoming a person of substance. This is your journey, your discovery, and you will reap the benefit of the work you do.

**FHNew -** Our mission as a church is to do everything we can to help you grow your faith. If you would like to get to know us a little better or begin or continue your journey of faith, text **FHNew** to **53123** and we will send you a link to a few short videos about Foothills Church, or stop by the **Connection booth in the Atrium**.

You can also fill out a **Connect card** using the QR code on the screen or the actual card on the back of the chair in front of you. If you have a **PRAYER REQUEST**, this is a good place to write it out and place in the ORANGE offering box in the back of the Sanctuary.

**FHBaptism -** One important step in your faith journey is being baptized. To learn more about baptism, text **FHBaptism** to **53123** and we will send you the teaching on Believers' Baptism.

## ONGOING/UPCOMING

- MomCo Foothills MomCo Foothills Church (churchcenter.com)
- Small Groups <u>Foothills Church (churchcenter.com)</u>
- Serve Day Sign up

# INTRODUCTION: All In - Jesus Has a Plan for You

Welcome to Foothills.

- We are here to coach you up in your faith
- We have the top rated Parenting coach in Idaho directing our children's ministry.

Our focus over the next month will be: All In.

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# Here are the themes we want to explore during this series:

- 1. How does your personal spiritual journey with Jesus connect with His over-all plan for the world?
- 2. What happens to you when you focus on your personal spiritual growth?
  - 1. Do you become a little unhinged? Less fun at parties? Don't know how to socialize with normal people?
  - 2. Does something else happen? What is it?

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Ephesians 1:1-23

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are at Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons and daughters through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He favored us in the Beloved. 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our wrongdoings, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight 9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He set forth in Him, 10 regarding His plan of the fullness of the times, to bring all things together in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. 11 In Him we also have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things in accordance with the plan of His will, 12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in the Christ would be to the praise of His glory. 13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of the promise, 14 who is a first installment of our inheritance, in regard to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

15 For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the boundless greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and made Him head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

- 1. Romans 1:11 I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong 12 that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.
- 2. 1 Corinthians 16:13, "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.
  - 1. Courage comes from standing strong in the faith.

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- 3. 2 Corinthians 12:10, "That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."
- 4. Ephesians 6:10-11, "10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.
- 5. 1 Peter 5:10, "And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."

## Jesus has a plan for your life and it is:

- 1. Be secure in your faith.
  - 1. "In love He predestined us to adoption as sons and daughters through Jesus Christ to Himself...."
- 2. Know who you are.
  - 1. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our wrongdoings, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He lavished on us."
- 3. Know the point and purpose of life.
  - 1. "In all wisdom and insight 9 He made known to us the mystery of His will,"
- 4. Live Strong.
  - 1. "18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the boundless greatness of His power toward us who believe."

## Main Take Away

It is only when you know and believe the plan Jesus has for your life, will your life have value.

## **Next Week**

Jesus has a plan for his Church

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What do you think is the point of life?
- 2. What does this passage teach is the point of life?
- 3. How does knowing what God says about the point of life measure up with how you are living today?

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