

Week of: June 18, 2023 -

Theme: Appreciation

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Week of: April 2, 2023 -

Theme: Optimism

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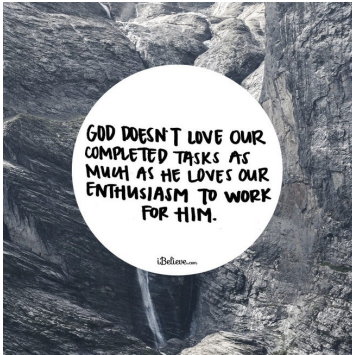


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**Week of: April 9, 2023 -
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Enthusiasm

Dear Jesus, We praise you for your goodness and mercy and thank you for the example of Enthusiasm in your life. You preached with heartfelt joy and passion. Guide us to be energy-givers that smile readily. Remind us to treat everything we do as important and to put our heart into all of our tasks. Teach us to not be discouraged by failure. Help us to act in all things in harmony with the will of the Father.

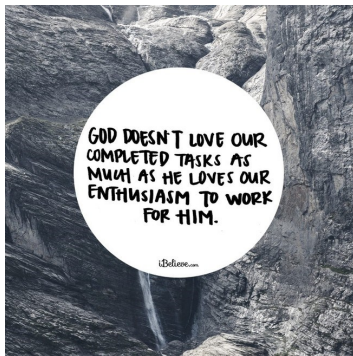


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Our Home Teams are absolute gifts. Let's get grateful about that. The desire for meaningful connection to others has been purposefully woven into every soul. When we find those friends, those brothers and sisters, those gifts — then we find a treasure that is cause for celebration and thanksgiving. Let's toast our Home Team!



God, thank you for my Home Team. For those who come in without knocking and sit with me on my floor. Who tell me it's hard, it's ridiculous, it's over the top. Who give life to me simply by who they are and where we've been and what their grit and fight have been. Thank you for friendships that feel like siblings and love that feels safe and hilarious and easy. Thank you for those who are just so easy for us. Amen.

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**Week of: April 16, 2023 -
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Encouragement

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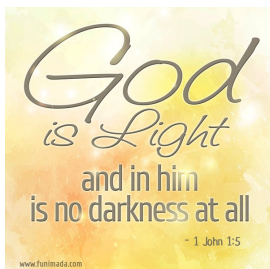


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**Week of: May 28, 2023 -
Theme: Hope**

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Week of: April 30, 2023 -

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Generosity

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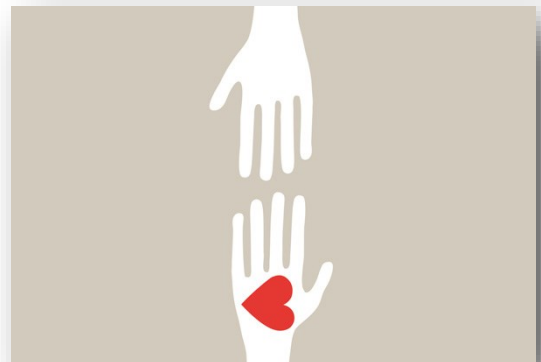
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The hope we have in Christ is not a desire or wishful thinking. The Bible's use of hope conveys an entirely different meaning. Biblical hope is "confident expectation." Today, be encouraged to make the God of hope, your hope. Through Christ, you can have a confident expectation that far exceeds any worldly hope.



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