

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



May 14, 2023 - "Hope" #5 in the series God on Film

Texts Referenced: Romans 5:1-5, 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 1 Peter 3:15 NIV

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. In the film *X-Men: Days of Future Past*, Professor Charles Xavier meets his younger self who has lost all hope due to the immense pain of those around him. Hoping to encourage the younger Charles, Professor X explains, "It's the greatest gift we have: to bear their pain without breaking," adding, "And it comes from the most human power: hope. Charles, we need you to hope again."
 - How do you respond to the idea that hope is born out of not breaking under the weight or pressure of pain?
3. **Read Romans 5:1-5.**
 - What is the hope or "endgame" that Paul urges these early Christians to focus on?
 - How do you understand Paul's premise that suffering produces perseverance then character and finally hope?
4. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:9.**
 - What kinds of pressures might these early Christians in Corinth have been experiencing?
 - If you've ever felt "hard pressed on every side," how were you eventually able to find a release or a way through?
5. **Read 1 Peter 3:15.**
 - Why is the way we communicate our hope so important?
 - If you've ever been called to share a message of hope with someone, what was the process like for you? For them?
6. How can we pray for you?