

**5 February 2017**

**SERMON TITLE:**

**THE ROAD AHEAD. JESUS OUR SOURCE AND HOPE IN ALL THINGS**

**Central Truth:** We are in the world but not of the world. We are not bound by the tangible parameters of this world for we have been translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of his marvellous light.

We now stand on an immovable rock, a foundation that cannot be shaken and living a new life controlled by the unlimited, supernatural parameters of God's Word and His promises contained therein with Jesus being our source and hope in all things.

**Foundation Scripture:** Joshua 22 v 5

**Main Points:**

1. The devil uses worldly circumstances to steel the word, kill our joy and destroy our faith. We must resist him, not be anxious, knowing that we have been given a spirit of power, of love and a sound mind. **(James 4 v 14; John 10 v 10; 2 Timothy 1 v 7; Philippians 4 v 6-7)**
2. The manual of life must be our reference point and final authority for everything we encounter in life. **(John 15-7; Proverbs 4 v 20-22)**
3. In our time of trials, who have we been crying out to, seeking and trusting? **(Psalm 34 v 17; Jeremiah 29 v 13; Psalm 34 v 8-10)**
4. We are to pursue Godly Character and His mastership with vigour, passion and commitment, allowing *Him* to occupy the pilot seat on a permanent basis. **(Galatians 2 v 20; Psalm 127 v 1)**
5. Keys to maintaining our hope, peace, joy and strength:-
  - Be strong and courageous. **(Deuteronomy 31 v 6-8)**
  - *God* renews our energy when we look and depend on *Him* in our times of weakness. **(Isaiah 40 v 6-8)**
  - Trust in *God* in all detours and times of tribulation. **(Proverbs 3 v 5-6)**
  - Look at your problems in the light of Gods power instead of at *God* in the shadow of your problem.
  - Make the right choices, being aware that problems with wrong choices produce wrong results and vice versa.
  - If we have the kingdom we have all that comes with it. **(Philippians 1 v 6; 2 Timothy 2 v 13)**
  - See yourself as *God* sees you and what *He* says about you. **(1 Peter 2 v 9 & 10)**
  - Row upstream and not downstream. **(Philippians 3 v 7-15)**

***NOW ASK YOURSELF .....***

*Has God always been my first and not my last stop? .....*

*Is the Manual of life my one and only reference point in all things? .....*

*Do I always declare God said it, I believe it and that settles it? .....*