



FROM THE ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN

This term all students and staff have been looking at 'hope' and how we can put our hope in God.

What is hope?

We seem to use the word hope like we use the word wish - for example, "I hope I will grow up rich and famous". However, that is not how the Bible uses the word hope.

The word hope in the Bible is closer to the word 'wait'. It is the idea of waiting for something that you know is definitely happen.

I see hope in the Bible kind of like a microwave. You put your cold food in the microwave and you know that in a few short seconds your food will be hot and ready to eat. My hope is in the microwave. The microwave gives me hope that my food will be great.

Another example of hope is when I went camping at Christmas. I was sleeping in a tent and it rained and rained all night. The tent started leaking and I was hoping for the sun to rise and for nighttime to end. My hope was in the sun rising as it does every day. Knowing that the sun will rise gave me hope of a much better day.

The hope we see in the Bible is hope that we know we can trust!

What is your hope in?

Today I want you to see that we can and should have our Hope in God.

Proverbs 3:5-6:

*With all your heart
you must trust the Lord
and not your own judgment.
Always let him lead you,
and he will clear the road
for you to follow.*

In these verses, the writer talks about how much we should have our hope in God. We should trust him even more than we can trust ourselves. That's crazy, isn't it?!

At the Junior School assemblies this term we have explored different reasons why we can have our hope in God; why we can trust him more than we can trust ourselves.

Firstly, we saw that we can put our hope in God because he is good.

Then we saw that we can put our hope in God because he made and cares for us.

We saw that we can put our hope in God because he never changes.

Finally, leading up to Easter, we saw that we can place our hope in Jesus because He loves us and has already saved us from our sin.

How great is our God, the God we can have our hope in.

God Bless

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