

PSALMS OF HOPE

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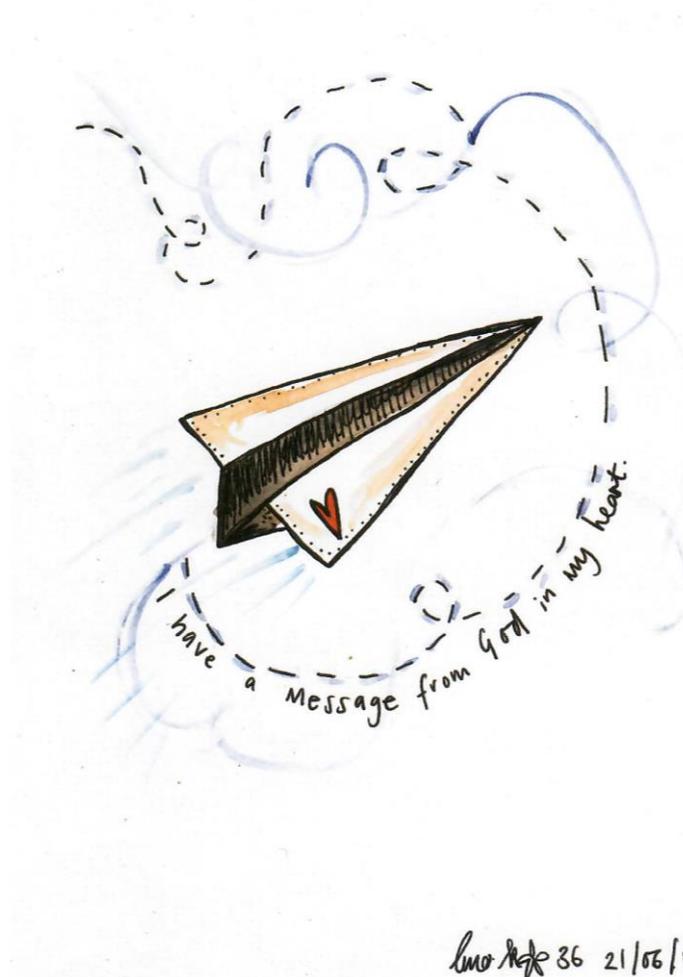


Bromley Baptist Church's 2021 Lent Programme

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Reflection #38

GOD'S UNFAILING LOVE



Pray:

Lord, let everything I do in this season of Lent come from you, be inspired by you. I long to be closer to you. I long to receive the hope that you offer. Help me to remember that nothing is more important than you in my life. Help me to rely on you for help. I want to walk in your footsteps, Jesus. I confess that I have often felt I knew better and ignored your presence. Heal me, Lord, and help me to find you in the darkness of my life. Let me reach out and feel your hand and love there to guide me. Speak to me in this moment, Lord God. **Amen.**

Consider:

What is unending love? This psalm helps us understand how amazing God's love is.

**Read:****Psalm 36:5-10 (NIV)**

- ⁵ Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.
You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.
- ⁷ How priceless is your unending love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ They feast in the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.
- ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
- ¹⁰ Continue your love to those who know you,
your righteousness to the upright in heart.

Consider:

Iceland is closing in Bromley! I have lost count of the numbers of people from church - pre and post lockdown - I have bumped into in Iceland. Even on Christmas Eve (no judgement here!) there is often someone I meet. Without being glib, the news about Iceland has topped off a really tough news week. In a world where relationships break down, the political system fails us, sickness and disease haunt us and businesses struggle, it is hard to escape the fact that the world is not right and is broken.

When everything looks like it could fail, is there anything or anyone that can give us that sense of security and sort out this broken world?

This psalm reminds us that God's love is unending and that he is here for us. God's love and faithfulness expand farther than our eyes can see, farther than we can even imagine, and is more constant than a news cycle. As we come up to Easter, we can see this unendingly love through the death and resurrection of Jesus. So even if it has been a difficult week, this psalm give us so many reasons to feel blessed and fortunate. Those reasons aren't found in our health or our circumstances and that's important to understand and remember, because our health and circumstances are always changing. Our reasons to feel blessed are found in God and who God is and how God regards and treats us.

Pray:

Almighty God,
Thank you for loving me when I choose the world over you,
For loving and cherishing me when I fail again and again.
Thank you for provision, protection and your unending sacrifices which teach me every day what unending love is.
Help me trust in your unending love.

Amen.

Try it out:

We often try to count our 'blessings', but is it more about reflecting on the ways God shows us how he loves us? How many times has God shown he loves us today? Have we really noticed, and said 'thank you'?