

**Kingdom Come**  
***“A Kingdom of Everlasting Hope”***  
Pastor Bob Botsford

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**Main Scripture:** Matthew 2:13-23

**Referenced Scripture:** Genesis 31:1-42, Hebrews 12:25-29, Galatians 4:4-5, Hebrews 12:22-24, 1 Peter 1:1-5,  
John 3:16

**OPEN:**

1. What in particular spoke to you from Pastor Bob’s message?
2. How do you distinguish “hope” from “wishful thinking”?

**DIG DEEPER:**

1. Going to our main scripture, **Matthew 2:13-23**, how would you describe the hope in Joseph and Mary, during their flight to Egypt and return to Nazareth with baby Jesus, as demonstrated by their obedience to God’s guidance through the five dreams in **Matthew 1 and 2**?
2. How would you contrast the following views of hope: decoration vs. destination, inspiration vs. incarnation, fleeting vs. forever, and teaching vs. teacher?
3. Some still place their hope in principles, causes, or man rather than the person of Jesus Christ. How are these hearts very different? What does **2 Corinthians 5:14-15** reveal about where Paul’s hope rests?
4. In what way does the “living hope” spoken of by Peter in **1 Peter 1:3** change your perspective about hope? How alive is the hope inside of you?
5. How does our perspective of eternity influence our hope?
6. How does hope produce joy and peace in the hearts and lives of true believers (**Romans 12:12, 15:13**)?

**REFLECT:**

1. In what way have you grown over the years in the area of understanding God’s amazing love as the basis of your hope?
2. What hinders you now from allowing Jesus to “take the wheel” and fully guide your life as Lord, and not just your Savior?

**MEMORY VERSE:**

**1 Peter 1:3**

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”*