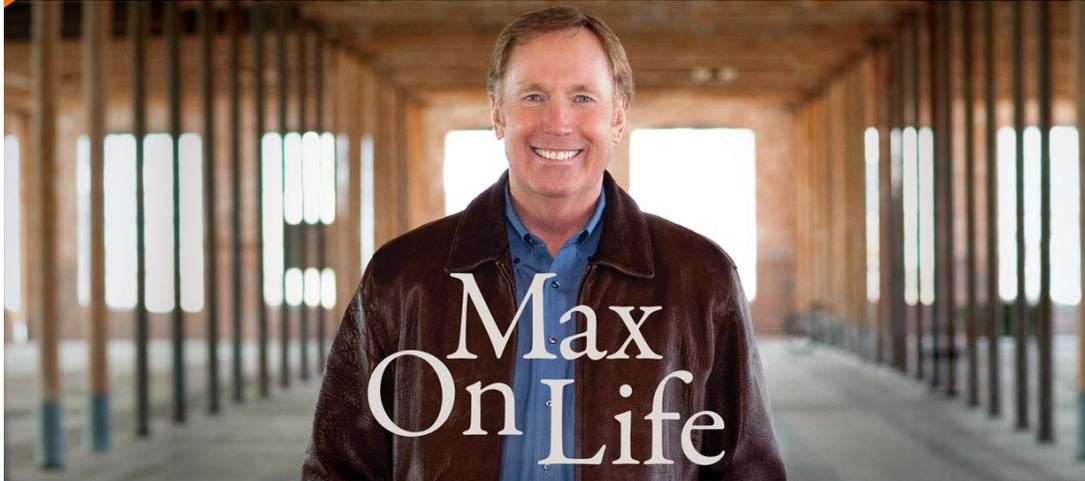


Hope

Week of 11-18-18



Introduction

When is a time you had hoped something was going to work out but did not. Job opportunity, relationship, a new home or car, etc.

Watch

Watch Max On Life – Session 1 “Hope” on Rightnowmedia.com (18 Min)

Start with Scripture

Read 1 John 1:5-9

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him. ⁶If we say, “We have fellowship with him,” and yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth. ⁷If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say, “We have no sin,” we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say, “We have not sinned,” we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Make it REAL

1. If you feel comfortable share a time where you were deeply hurt or you deeply hurt someone. What were some of the consequences of the situation?
2. What was the sin issue that caused this pain? (pride, arrogance, anger, misconduct, selfishness, etc.)

3. Were you angry at God because of what happened? What were some of the things that you said to or about God during this time?
4. Did you ever come to a point where you realized that you or someone else, and not God, was responsible for the situation because of the sin that is in the world? What made you realize this? Did it come during the situation or a long time after?
5. The hurt in the world comes from our sin. How have you confessed your sin and repented so that you did not hurt yourself and others again?

Action steps

Head:

Spend time reading the Bible and praying to God this week so that you can learn more about His love and how he will forgive you.

Heart:

What sin do you need to confess to God this week? You do not have to share with the group but confess the sin that just came into your mind to God this week.

Hands:

Who have you hurt that you need to seek forgiveness from this week?

Prayer

Take prayer request from your group and spend time praying for each other.