



*Fill me up,
I am ready to serve*

Kid's Ministry Conference 2021
Breakout Session

WELCOME

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Children's
Minister

- that I would work with adults waaaay more than I work with children
 - yes, 100%
 - you win
 - and maybe a sidebar that the kids aren't the most difficult to deal with
 - preach
- it's ok to turn off your phone once in a while
- that help would not be forthcoming because other people didn't believe there were kids in the church
- finding volunteers is a never-ending problem
- the importance of networking with other Children's Pastors
- that you are going to have lots of bad days, but the good ones make it worth the stress
- 42 years wasn't enough
- that I had to talk to adults
- how to dance
- that ministry has an ugly side

Complete this
statement....

I wish I had known

before diving into
Kid's Ministry

(responses from a FB poll, prior to Covid)

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- that adults will act more childish than the children
 - how much paperwork there is
 - how utterly mentally/emotionally exhausting Sundays are
 - how to juggle
 - that it is gonna hurt
 - that every time you make a mandatory report it literally feels like a kick in the gut while simultaneously getting your heart broken
 - that my own kids would be my toughest critic and take me to my knees every day
 - that the Pastor will never fully understand what it takes to do what we do or that they will only see it as a babysitting service because “what fruits do children bring to the church?”
 - skillful leader care (was not prepared for family dysfunction, addiction, mental health concerns...)

Complete this
statement....

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ALL OF THAT WAS PRIOR TO A
NATIONAL PANDEMIC

NOW..... TODAY



SUM UP DOING MINISTRY IN 2020

- Adapting to change
- Pressing on
- Running the race
- Treading water
- New territory
- Reboot
- Connection (we connected on a personal level with families like we haven't in the past. It became less about programs & more about people)
- Pivoting
- Adapt AND overcome
- God's got this

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- Opportunity
 - Challenged and grateful
 - Tired. Overcoming
 - Unprecedented. New normal
 - Arise and shine
 - Faith building
 - Uniquely challenging
 - It's personal
 - God's grace
 - Run down – there were times this year I wanted to call it quits but I had to remind myself that it is hard now but won't be like this forever
 - Determined and prayerful
 - Home centered
 - Gotta have faith
 - Go make a difference

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- Pivot (pivoting)
 - Invitation to innovation
 - Discernment
 - Perseverance
 - Intentionality
 - Refocus, restructure, rebuild
 - Pivot
 - Chaos, restructuring, home deliveries, STRETCHED
 - Be teachable, trainable, moldable, and willing to follow
 - Wacky inflatable man. Your up. Then your down.
 - New and exciting
 - Challenging and being stretched to do things differently which has also been exciting. Also having to get out of our comfort zones.
 - Painful
 - JESUS IS MY SOURCE

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- Creative
 - Out of the box thinking, doing it different
 - Creativity. Technology enabled ministry
 - Different challenging
 - Creative determination
 - Prayerfully moving forward
 - Gospel centered.....we've had to cut out the fluff and get to the main things...only Jesus
 - Lonely, frustrating, hurtful, and worth it
 - Adaptable, kingdom-focused, challenging, refocus, perseverance, virtual unreality!

How can we be filled
up and ready to serve
in a time that
encompasses all the
words on that list?

BE CHRIST CENTERED

“Christ-Centered is a lot easier to talk about than to live. In the mundane moments of everyday life, a lot of other things compete with Christ for center stage.”

Paul Tripp

Source

Motive

Goal

Hope



SOURCE

Knowing that the Lord is the source of everything we are.

Genesis 1

Acts 17:26

James 1:17

2 Peter 1:3

Paul Tripp states this.....

Realize that the source of everything we are is the Lord. He created us, He owns us, He gifted us with talents, He authors our story, and every blessing that we receive comes from Him.

Additionally, Christ is the source for our daily righteousness. We have no internal desire or moral ability to live up to biblical standards on our own, but in Christ, we have everything we need for godly living.



Motive

Is Jesus the motive for everything we think, say and do?

Phil 3:10

Paul Tripp states this...

A Christ-centered life means that a Person is the motivation for everything we think, say and do. Many of us leave little room for Christ in our Christianity. By that I mean that our ability to “keep the law” or our pride in historic tradition is what defines our faith, not the person of Jesus.

Is your Christianity intimate and personal? Do you want to *know* Christ? Do you want to be a part of His work? Do you want to please Him? Do you want to incarnate His character? A Christ-centered life is deeply intimate and motivated by relationship.



GOAL

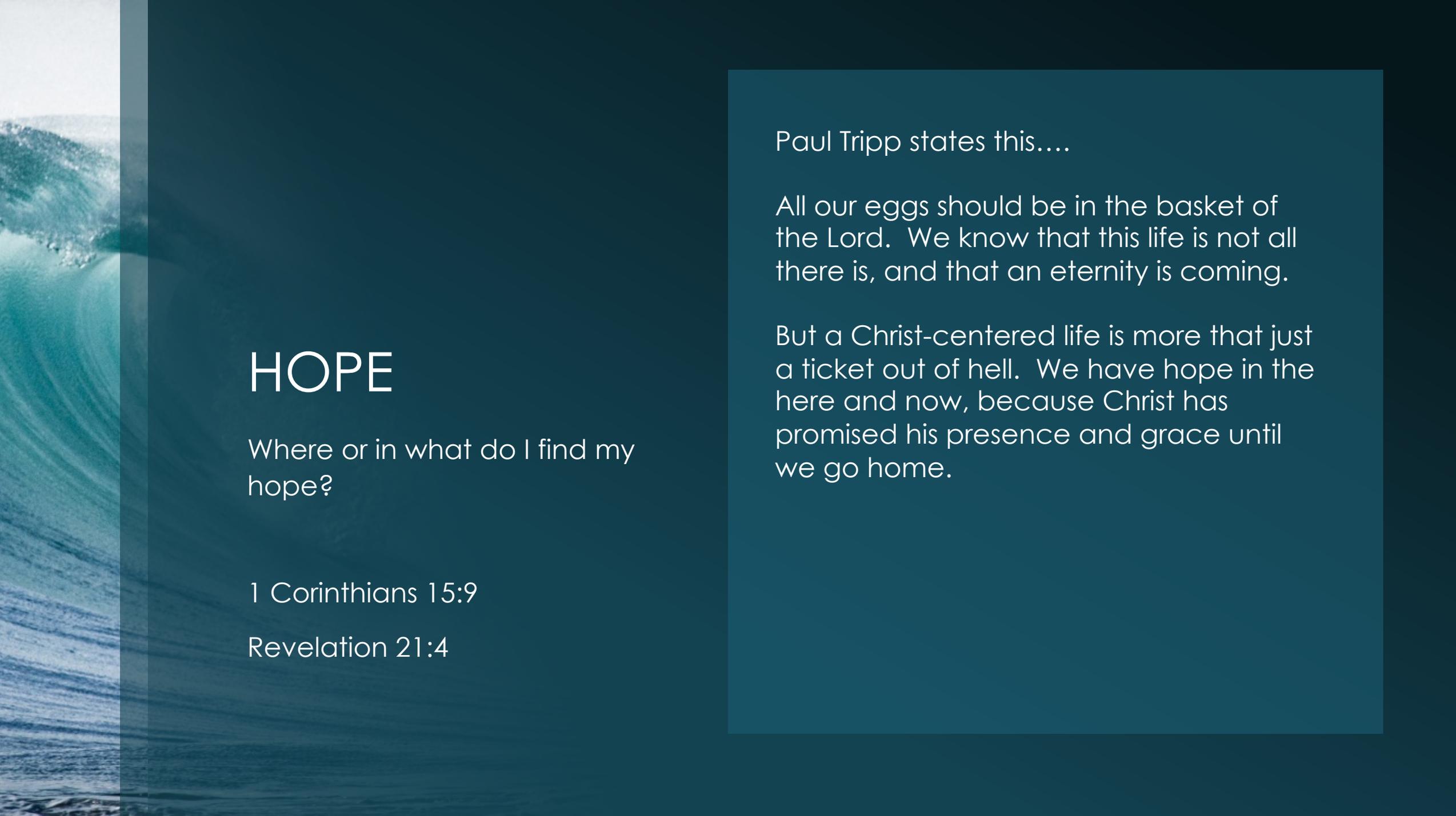
Is your only goal THAT JESUS
GETS THE GLORY?

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Paul Tripp states this....

Your life should have one ultimate goal: that Jesus gets the glory. It's not wrong to pursue personal goals, but the glory of Christ is the orienting compass that gives direction to all others.

Because we want Christ to be known, honored, worshipped, and obeyed, we submit every other attainable goal to Him. Our decisions are no longer controlled by selfish desires, but the new desires we get from Him love.



HOPE

Where or in what do I find my hope?

1 Corinthians 15:9

Revelation 21:4

Paul Tripp states this....

All our eggs should be in the basket of the Lord. We know that this life is not all there is, and that an eternity is coming.

But a Christ-centered life is more than just a ticket out of hell. We have hope in the here and now, because Christ has promised his presence and grace until we go home.

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PRAYER

THE WORD

COMMUNITY

PRAYER

Prayer Makes A Difference





QUOTES ABOUT PRAYER BY BILLY GRAHAM

- PRAYER IS THE CHRISTIAN'S GREATEST WEAPON
- IT'S NOT THE BODY'S POSTURE BUT THE HEART'S ATTITUDE THAT COUNTS WHEN WE PRAY
- PRAYER SHOULD NOT BE MERELY AN ACT, BUT AN ATTITUDE OF LIFE
- THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS NOT A CONSTANT HIGH. I HAVE MY MOMENTS OF DEEP DISCOURAGEMENT. I HAVE TO GO TO GOD IN PRAYER WITH TEARS IN MY EYES, AND SAY, "O God, forgive me, or help me"

SCRIPTURE ABOUT PRAYER

Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray without ceasing

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

1 John 5:14

This is the confidence we have in approaching God, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.



THE WORD

"WE STUDY THE
WORD OF **GOD**, NOT
TO KNOW THE WORD
OF **GOD**, BUT TO
KNOW THE **GOD** OF
THE WORD."

MATT CHANDLER



QUOTES FROM BILLY GRAHAM ABOUT GOD'S WORD

- Every time I read the Bible, any part of the Bible, - I don't care where I open up – it speaks to me. It's a living book.
- The Bible is not an option; it is a necessity. You cannot grow spiritually strong without it.
- The whole bible is a love story. It's a love story between God and man. God loves you.
- God never leads us to do anything that is contrary to the Bible.



SCRIPTURE ABOUT GOD'S WORD

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

Psalm 18:30

The grass withers and the flowers
fail, but the word of God
endures forever.

Psalm 119: 130

The unfolding of your words
gives light; it gives
understanding to the simple.

Psalm 33:4

For the word of the Lord is right
and true; he is faithful in all he
does.

COMMUNITY





CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY QUOTE

Christian community is a big deal. It's important for our happiness and growth. And it is not an optional part of the Christian life. When we are in close relationships with other believers, we have people to pray for us, support us, encourage us, exhort us and serve alongside us.

Andy Wright, Pastor of River Community Church



Scripture
about
Christian
Community

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Psalms 133:1

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity.

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.



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