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Week 3 Unshakeable - Hope - Romans 8:18-25

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“I know that there is currently a **deficit of hope** in this city and I know as I wear this uniform before you, this department has contributed to that deficit of hope, but I will not allow us to continue to increase that deficit by re-traumatizing these folks in our community.”

- Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo

Romans 8:18-25

1. Futile earthly pursuits will always be empty.

Romans 8:18-21, 1 John 2:15-17

Relationships

Sexual pleasure

Money and possessions

Positions and power

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 NLT, Jeremiah 2:13

2. We have a deep longing for something better.

Romans 8:23

“as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies”

Matthew 9:35-36

“Already- but not yet”

1 Corinthians 15:16-19, 1 Corinthians 15:53-56, Romans 15:13

3. Unshakable hope can never be centered on what we see.

Romans 8:24-25, Romans 15:4, Revelation 21:1-5, Lamentations 3:17-26