

DAY 1

Your Journey Starts Here

Community: Day 03

"More than a Feeling" by Lisa Goodwin

Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. ²⁰ By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. ²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, ²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. ²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

I love meeting together in small groups with those who share my love of life and for the Lord. Over the years, I have discovered that everyone will go through periods where we may "feel" as if everything is fabulous one day and turn around and "feel" that we have no hope the next. We base a lot of our self worth on our day to day feelings. As the verse states above, we should always have hope in God and trust in His promise that we can come into His presence at any time where we can rest in community with Him.

He also calls us to rally around one another with acts of love and good works and to remind each other to trust in what is truth and not just in what we are "feeling" in the moment. Every step in our journey with God is intended to grow and teach us how we can help others. There is no greater joy than following God's design for relationships. Once you begin, you will discover that your friendships are richer and deeper than you have ever experienced.

Where are you today? Do you need encouragement or the promise of hope from a fellow group member? If so, just ask. Or, are you the one who needs to offer encouragement to another? Ask God for His direction. He will either speak His hope to you today through a friend, or He will have you speak truth into someone else. Watch and see!