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1 Corinthians 11:23, *For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

Glimmer of Hope Theme Verse:

Romans 15:13, *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 2:10, *When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.*

Five Lessons for Overcoming Obstacles:

-Realize Life Is A JOURNEY

Matthew 2:1, *After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem...*

-Know What You Are LOOKING FOR

Matthew 2:2, ...and asked, "Where is the One Who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him."

-Expect Life's OBSTACLES & ADVERSITIES

Matthew 2:3, When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 6 "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.'" 7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child. As soon as you find Him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship Him."

-ENVIRONMENTAL

-PERSONAL

-PEOPLE

Romans 5:1, Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through Whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, Who has been given to us.

-After Obstacles—You Must RESTART Your Journey

Matthew 2:9, After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the Child was.

-Ask Honest Questions About Yourself

-Ask For Honest Feedback From Others

-Ask God What He Wants From You From This Point Forward

-Happiness Is Found In The Right Place Doing The RIGHT THINGS

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Jeremiah 29:11, *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.*

What Next:

-Hymn Sing: Christmas Sing-Along tonight at 5:00p in the Chapel

-Finding Hope In Your Loss During The Holidays Service on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30p in the Chapel. An encouraging service filled with music, scriptures and testimonies to remember lost loved ones.

-Christmas Eve Services: Sunday Evening, December 22 at 7:00p and Tuesday, December 24 at 1:00p, 3:00p, 5:00p & 7:00p.

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