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**TEA PARTY**

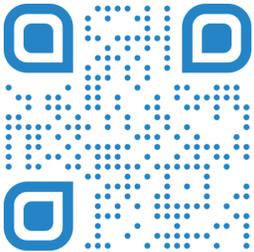
SATURDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>  
 AT 10 AM

COME ON YOUR OWN, WITH FRIENDS,  
 OR WITH THE LADIES OF YOUR FAMILY!

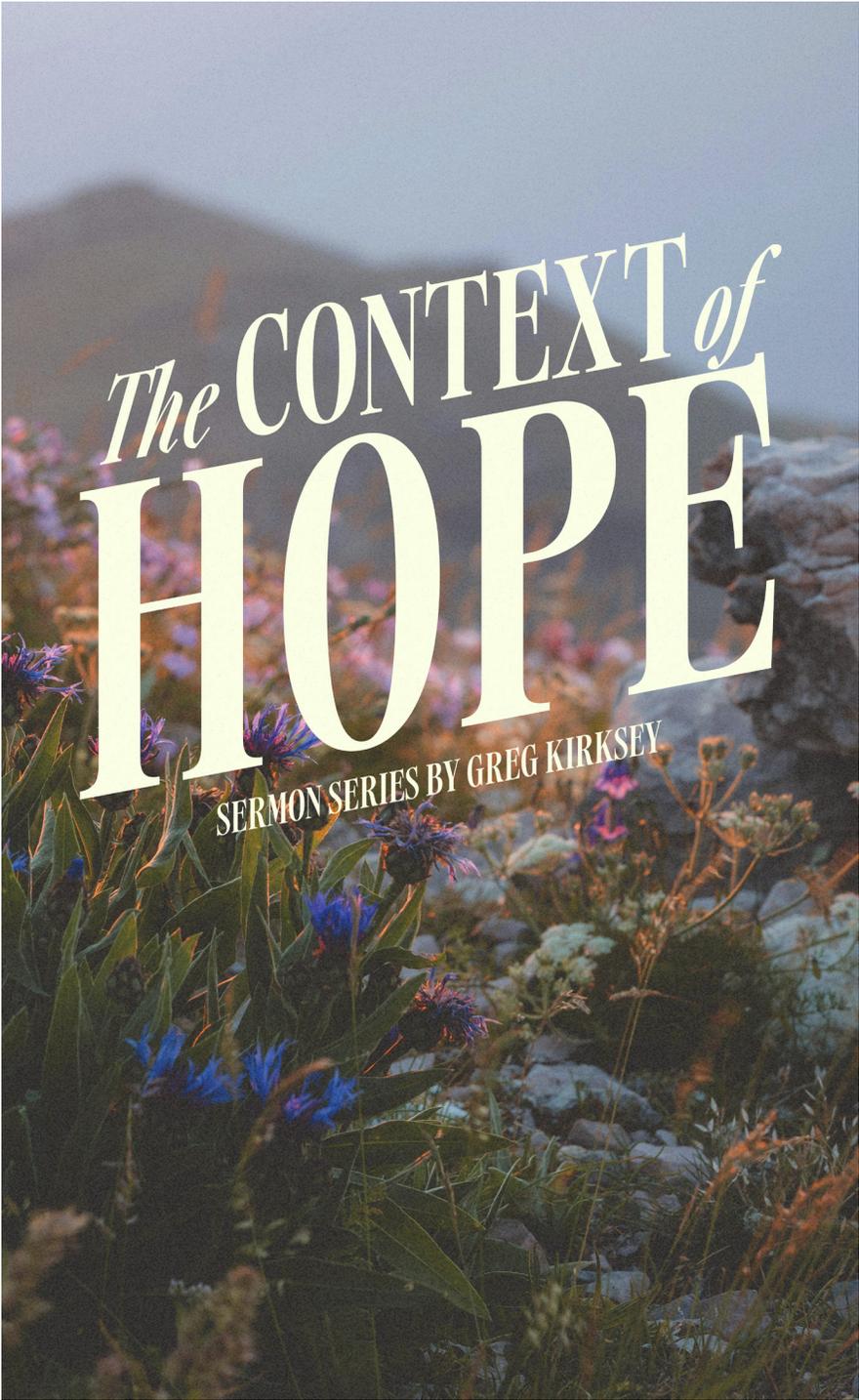


**IF THIS IS YOUR  
 FIRST TIME  
 ...THANKS FOR JOINING US!**

**WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU! STOP AND MEET A PASTOR  
 TO THE RIGHT OF THE STAGE AFTER THE SERVICE.**



**SCAN  
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 IMPORTANT  
 ROCK CREEK LINKS!**



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**HOPE**

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# The **CONTEXT** of **HOPE**

UNEXPECTED LESSONS IN THE HOLY LAND

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FINDING HOPE IN THE CONTEXT OF A DEAD-END

## FOCAL PASSAGE: JOHN 5:1-15

Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. <sup>2</sup> Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. <sup>3</sup> Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches. <sup>5</sup> One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?” <sup>7</sup> “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!” <sup>9</sup> Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, <sup>10</sup> so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, “You can’t work on the Sabbath! The law doesn’t allow you to carry that sleeping mat!” <sup>11</sup> But he replied, “The man who healed me told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” <sup>12</sup> “Who said such a thing as that?” they demanded. <sup>13</sup> The man didn’t know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd. <sup>14</sup> But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, “Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you.” <sup>15</sup> Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.

## LESSON #1:

**GOD** \_\_\_\_\_ **TO**

### REVEAL HOPE.

Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches.  
John 5:2-3

## LESSON #2:

**JESUS** \_\_\_\_\_ **IN OUR**  
**DEAD-ENDS.**

One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years.  
John 5:5

‘For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.’  
Luke 19: 10

When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him,  
“Would you like to get well?”  
John 5:6

## LESSON #3:

**JESUS** \_\_\_\_\_ **FROM THE FUTILITY OF**  
**DEAD-ENDS.**

“I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me”. Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!”  
John 5:7-8

Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda.  
John 5:2

“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.”  
John 10:9

## LESSON #4:

**MAN’S** \_\_\_\_\_

Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, “You can’t work on the Sabbath! The law doesn’t allow you to carry that sleeping mat!”  
John 5:9-10

But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, “Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you.”  
John 5:14

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.  
John 14:6

**SERMON IN A SENTENCE:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **IS OUR** \_\_\_\_\_ **!**