

# PSALMS OF HOPE

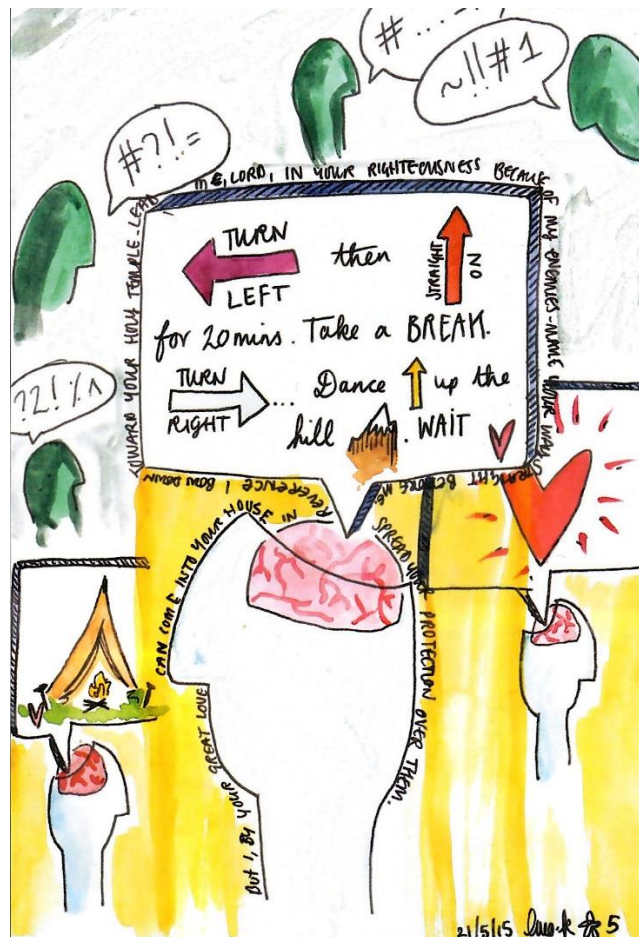
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Reflection #2

## WALKING OUT WITH GOD



### Pray:

Lord, let everything I do in this season of Lent come from You, be inspired by You. I long to be closer to You. I long to receive the hope that You offer. Help me to remember that nothing is more important than You in my life Help me to rely on You for help. I want to walk in your footsteps, Jesus. I confess that I have often felt I knew better and ignored Your presence. Heal me, Lord, and help me to find You in the darkness of my life. Let me reach out and feel your hand and love there to guide me. Speak to me in this moment, Lord God. **Amen.**

## **Introduction:**

A defining moment happened to us when we were testing our call to an earlier church. It was a great moment and a great introduction to this theme. We were leaving Eastwood having spent a weekend there considering if God wanted us to come and serve at EBC. On the way home we were in tears!!! We were sad because it was looking like we were going to end up so far away from friends and family. It was pretty tense as we wrestled between what we wanted and what God wanted. In that moment as tears were in our eyes, a little voice came from our 4-year-old son saying, 'If it's what God wants it will all be OK!' In that moment, we knew he was right! Why would we not want to do what God wants?



## **Read:**

### **Psalm 1:1-3 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup>Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

<sup>2</sup>But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

### **Psalm 5:8 (NLT)**

Lead me in the right path, O Lord, or my enemies will conquer me.

Make your way plain for me to follow.

### **Psalm 119:1-2 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup>How blessed are those whose way is blameless, Who walk in the law of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup>How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, Who seek Him with all their heart.

## **Consider:**

Spending Time with God must be a priority for all of us who know God. I find that when I don't prioritise God in my day I am more tired because I'm working alone! The truth of it is that Psalm 1 offers a choice – The way of the Wicked or God's way! Why would those of us who have committed our lives to God choose a path other than his? Which path are you on? Or as the old saying goes – WWJD? What Would Jesus Do?

## **Pray:**

Ask God to get you on the right path... And if you know you are on the wrong one – confess that to God and ask Him to light His path for you – the path of righteousness...

## **Try it out:**

Today as choices come your way ask yourself each time – What would Jesus Do? What would Jesus Say? How would Jesus respond? Make thinking about what wants part of your DNA!