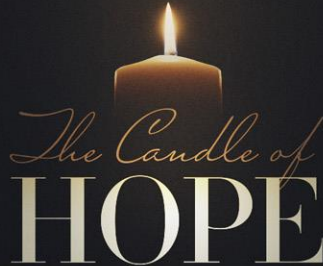


Message Outline

The Gospel tells us that our hopes are too puny, not too grand.

I. The _____ of Hope Is 9:1-2

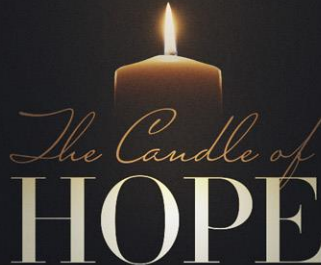
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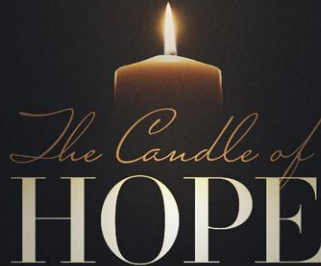
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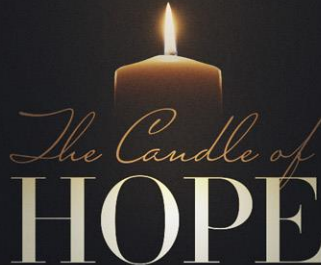
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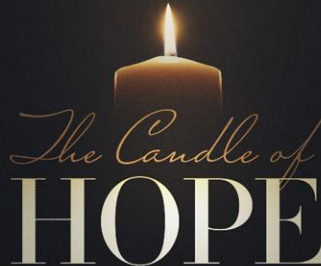
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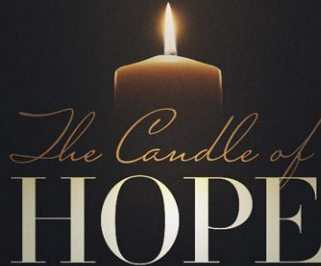
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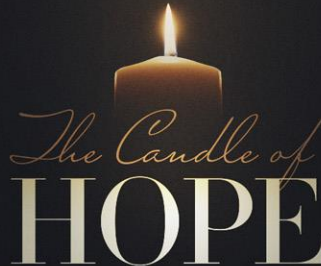
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Message Outline (continued)

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Message Slides



The Candles of
ADVENT

Welcome to a season of hope.



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Isaiah 9:1-7 (NASB)

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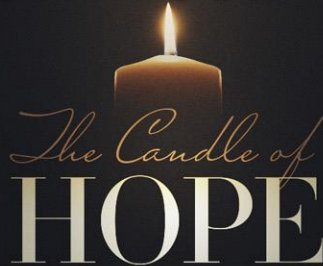


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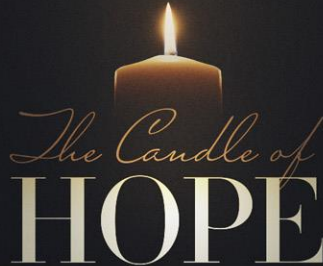


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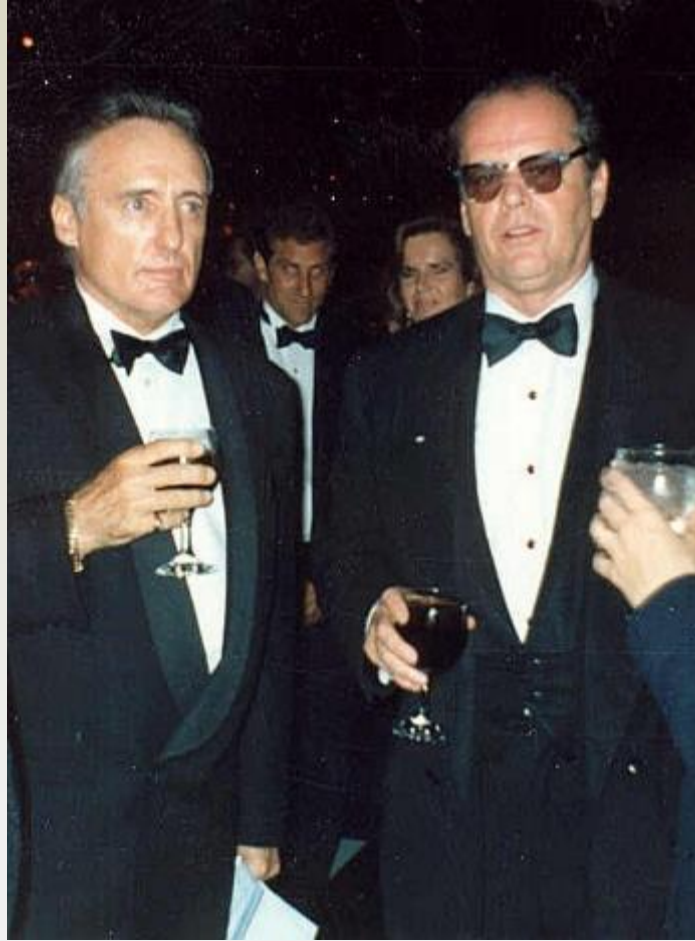


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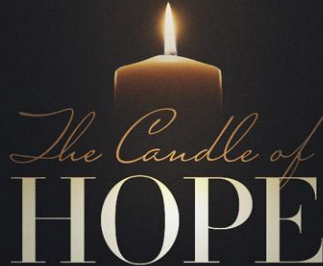
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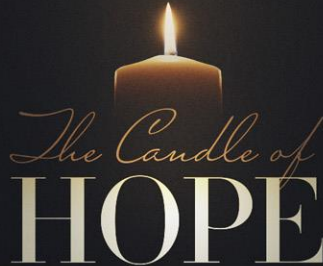
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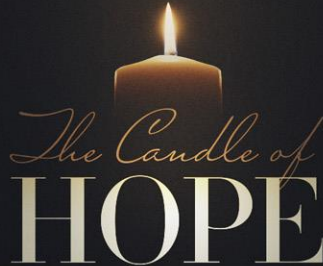


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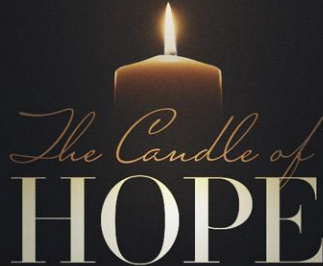


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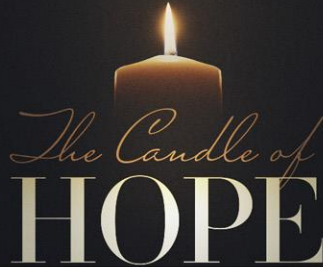
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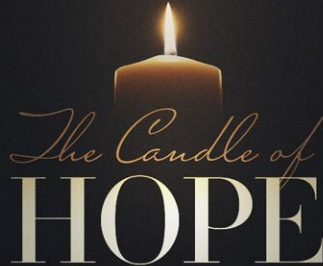
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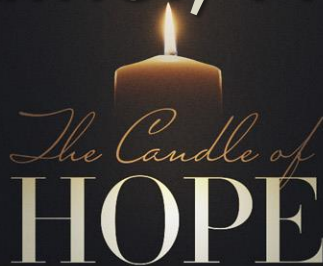


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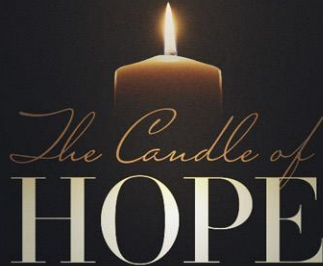


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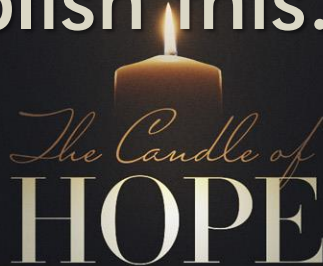


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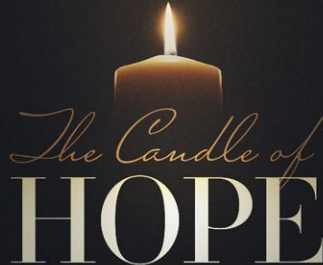
1. When were you most in need of, or grateful for, a flashlight?
When have you gotten up early to greet the sunrise?
2. What 'dawn of a new day' are you anticipating on this year's calendar?
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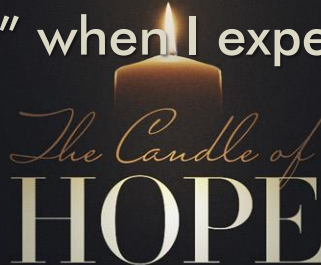
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4. How does the fact that God's grace placed Jesus in Galilee to grow up and in Capernaum to be his main house of operations for His ministry in Naphtali and Zebulun of Galilee strike you? When you have sinned, do you expect judgment or grace?



Questions

5. Of the three Charles Swindoll statements about the three major times of intense doubt, which one is the hardest for you? Which one really challenges you to give up hope?
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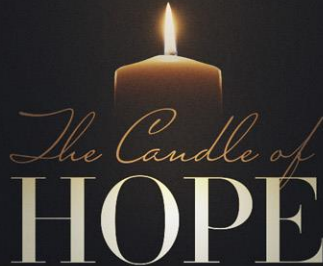
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6. In the following passages of “spiritual garments,” how do these garments help to maintain our hope in dark times?

Isaiah 61:1,3 (NASB)

1 Thessalonians 5:8 (NASB)

Ephesians 6:14-18 (NASB)



Questions

7. How does the New Testament interpret what the prophecy means in Isaiah 9:1-2 (see Mt 4:12-17; Luke 1:32; John 8:12)?
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10. How has He shattered some of the 'yokes that burden' you?
What is one yoke that you desire to have Him shatter now?
11. Why should God be the source of our hope? Consider
Ps 33:16-22; 62:5-8
12. What are some benefits to those who place their hope in God?
Psalm 16:8-11
Psalm 146:5-9
Jeremiah 17:7-8

