

# HOPE REMAINS

by Jonathan Lee

There is something about stars in the night sky that makes our heart sing.

As strikingly beautiful and laughably simple as little white drops of paint scattered on a painter's canvas, each incandescent diamond shimmers radiantly like blinks amidst a cosmic backdrop.

The sheer allure hushes you – bringing the gentle warmth of a little fire crackling in a hearth.

Yet, stars are also harbingers of hope, burning bright like an inferno in the dark, bursting forth like triumphant thunder from a roaring trumpet. Millions around the world look to a starry night to wish upon it.

As 2024 kicks into full swing, I am reminded of the words of the great British preacher Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

He writes, *“Hope itself is like a star – not to be seen in the sunshine of prosperity and only to be discovered in the night of adversity.”*

For some of us the shiver of something new puts a gleam in our eyes and a skip in our step. We are captivated by glorious wonder and unceasing opportunity. Filled to the brim with a fresh vim and verve, it is little wonder that favor fortunes the bold.

Yet, for some of us, the dawn of a new year brings great trepidation.

Running on low from the year before, we find no food for our soul, nothing provokes our imagination, life feels like a dull and intellectual puzzle that leaves us stone cold. We are crushed by unreasonable expectations and disappointed from hurt and pain.

We are bombarded with news of wars and disasters – death tolls continue to rise in the Ukraine-Russia and Israel-Hamas conflicts and suffering persists off the west coast of Japan as 57 people (at time of writing) are killed by the recent earthquakes.

*Where is God in all of this?*

I do not have a semblance of an answer to these great mysteries before us. But one thing I do know is to humbly point us to the clarion call of the Gospel. The apostle Peter aptly pens, *“In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”*

The hope we persevere to profess is not dead, but a living one.

*“Remember Whose you are and Whom you serve,”* says Scottish evangelist Oswald Chambers.

*“Provoke yourself by recollection, and your affection for God will increase tenfold; your imagination will not be starved any longer, but will be quick and enthusiastic, and your hope will be inexpressibly bright.”*

This new year, as we look up into the night sky, may we remember Christ Jesus – the blossom of Hope that never wilts and the Morning Star that blankets the darkest of nights with beauty and splendor.

May we never forget.



## Eagles Fund Raising Banquet

The Eagles Fund Raising Banquet was held last month on December 5, 2023.

Held at The Tanglin Club, the night saw old and new friends come together for an evening of music, testimony, food and fellowship. This annual fundraising banquet serves as an avenue to raise support for our staff at Eagles Communications.

We were grateful for the presence of our friends and supporters Reverend Dr Chia Beng Hock (Emeritus Pastor, Bethel Assembly of God), Henry Lim (the Crosswinds) and Mr David Lum, who shared their time, testimonies and talents.

The evening served as a lovely recollection of God's faithfulness throughout our last 56 years in ministry and we were blessed to have our younger staff Brydan Lim share his experiences with us.

Serving as a strategic operations executive on staff, he shared, "Being in Eagles the past few months has given me greater insight into the hard work that goes into a ministry..."

"The Eagles are a group of people who give tirelessly and selflessly for the Kingdom of God... We pray that we will continue to be a blessing to many more people and we cannot do it without your support, prayers and presence.

"This is the Eagles I have come to know more about. Eagles — where no one stands alone, where we stand back to back in community because we are better together... together, we share the transforming experience of God's grace and truth creatively.

"Together, we advance the Kingdom of God. We are Eagles — True to Life!"







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