



## THE OTC FINALE: THE LIFE GIVING POWER OF HOPE!

• We've done it! Today we complete the OTC!

• When we let the Word of God speak it **changes us**.

📖 *For the word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are. Hebrews 4:12*

### I. THE LIFE GIVING POWER OF HOPE.

A. WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE **ALL HOPE IS GONE**.

- ♦ **Babylon** invades Judah and sends the people of God into **exile**.
- ♦ This is still **Jeremiah's** era. 📖 2 Kings 24:10-14

B. GOD GIVES HOPE **IN THE DARKNESS**. 📖 Jeremiah 29:10-11

- ♦ Humanly speaking, this hope of returning from exile was **absurd**.

C. HOPE BECOMES **REALITY**.

- ♦ **Ezra** and **Nehemiah** are books about the return from the exile.  
📖 Ezra 1:1
- ♦ The whole Old Testament leads up to the giving of **Jesus Christ**.

### II. CELEBRATING CENTRAL OT LESSONS.

A. **THERE IS A GOD**. 📖 Genesis 1:1

B. **Sin** LEADS TO DEATH.

- ♦ **Depravity** affects every part of us, and it brings **death**.

C. GOD DOESN'T **GIVE UP**.

- ♦ God longs for a **covenant relationship** with His people.

D. GOD IS A **DELIVERER**.

E. IT'S ALL ABOUT **TRUST**.

- ♦ The Israelites learned the **manna** principle.
- ♦ At the Jordan River they learned the law of the **first step**.

G. GOD IS **HOLY** AND CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO **HOLINESS**.

- ♦ The **moral law** is still the expression of God's will for the way that human life ought to be lived.

H. THE CYCLE OF **sin** IS VICIOUS.

📖 Judges 17:6; 21:25

I. GOD CARES FOR THE **SUFFERING**.

- ♦ Job became more like **God**. 📖 Job 42:5

J. GOD'S **WISDOM** WILL TRANSFORM OUR LIVES IF WE LET IT.

J. GOD CONTINUES TO **CALL US BACK** TO HIMSELF.

- ♦ Then we saw the emergence of these amazing people—the **prophets**. They prophets were Israel's **gift** to the world—a voice of **conscience**.  
📖 Amos 7:7; Isaiah 6:5; Micah 6:8

K. GOD WILL ALWAYS **BE WITH HIS PEOPLE**.

📖 Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5