

Advent Week 2

An Altogether Hope

“Good to Great” by Jim Collins

“The Stockdale Paradox”

“I never lost faith in the end of the story. I never doubted not only that I would get out, but also that I would prevail in the end and turn the experience into the defining event of my life, which, in retrospect, I would not trade.” – Admiral Jim Stockdale

You must never confuse faith that you will prevail in the end—which you can never afford to lose—with the discipline to confront the most brutal facts of your current reality, whatever they might be.” – Admiral Jim Stockdale

Matthew 22:37-39

³⁷ Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

Hope: Having a confident expectation of good!

1 Peter 1:3-4a

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

1 Corinthians 15:19

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Mission Statement: “We exist to demonstrate the Living Hope of Jesus to our community and to our world.”

“Young people say, ‘What good can one person do? What is the sense of our small effort?’ They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time; we can be responsible only for the one action of the present moment. But we can beg for an increase of love in our hearts that will vitalize and transform all our individual actions, and know that God will take them and multiply them, as Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes.” – Dorothy Day

“And who is my neighbor?” Luke 10:29