



July 12, 2020

Guest Speaker: Craig Hill

Craig Hill is the pastor of Taft Avenue Community Church in Orange. He has taught Bible and Theology for over 20 years at Biola University and Fuller Theological Seminary. Craig serves on the Board of Directors for Hume Lake Christian Camps. He and his wife Kelly work with Standing Stone Ministry providing ongoing support to local pastors. They live in Irvine with their 4 kids. Craig also hosts a podcast called *The Teaching Pastor*. Most importantly, Craig loves Jesus, loves the Bible, and loves the Church.



The Full Conviction of Hope Hebrews 6:4-12

The Problem of Finality Hebrews 6:4-8

Hebrews 6:6 – *“And then have fallen away it is impossible to renew them to repentance”*

- Our Theological Lens
- Our Experience with “falling away”
- The Finality of this Passage “It is *impossible* to renew them to repentance. . . .”

The Story of the 12 Spies Hebrews 6:4-6

Hebrews 6:4-6 – *“once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them to repentance.”*

- Hebrews uses the Exodus Generation as the example for the Audience
- Heirs apparent who repudiate their inheritance, second thoughts and rejection

“We are Convinced of Better Things” Hebrews 6:9-10

Hebrews 6:9 – *“But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way.”*

- The rhetoric of persuasion and exhortation in the ancient world
- The author and audience know the true condition

“The Full Conviction of Hope” Hebrews 6:11-12

Hebrews 6:11 – *“And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end”*

- “Diligence”
- “Full Assurance”
- Our Call toward Urgency and Conviction



DIGGING DEEPER

HEBREWS 6:4-12

1 Preparation

If possible, find a quiet and comfortable place. Rid yourself of distractions such as your phone, television, school work, interruptions from others, etc. Open yourself to God and intend to learn from Him. *"Lord, here I am, I present myself to You. Open my heart to the truth of what is going on in my life."*

2 Read the Text: Hebrews 6:4-12

Read the text a few times until you have a clear understanding of what the passage is saying.

3 Contemplate + Journal

Spend time thinking about and journaling your thoughts to the following questions. If you meet with a LifeGroup, you can also share your responses with them and have a great discussion.

- What is a word or phrase the Lord impressed on you in this time? Meditate on that.
- Consider verse 10. What does God not forget about us? How have you seen your life play out in such a way?
- Hope is not simply wishful thinking, but a confident expectation of God's goodness based on His promises. Consider verses 11-12 and make them a prayer to God. How is God inviting you to love others around you today and this week?
- How and what do you feel? Is there a specific situation in your life that relates to this passage today? Pray through this for a moment.

4 Praise + Worship

Worship is an act or mindset shift that realigns us to the reality of who God is. Find this song on Spotify, YouTube, AppleMusic, etc. and the lyrics if you would like to read or sing along. Make this song your prayer and declaration of praise and worship as you hear truths being sung over you. Allow the Lord to minister to your heart in this time.

Song Recommendation: *"He Will Hold Me Fast" by Shane and Shane*

5 Closing Prayer

Spend some time in prayer. Whether it is simply sitting in God's loving presence, expressing thankfulness and gratitude, and/or offering up supplication, pray what is on your heart in this time.

6 Blessing

"And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

Hebrews 6:11-12

NEXT STEPS

Your Response Today: Do you want to take a next step in your faith, ask for prayer, or learn more about following Jesus? Take a moment to fill out our online connection card by texting “**Card**” to **970-00**

Connect in a LifeGroup: Grow in community together this summer with others from Calvary. There will be some groups meeting online throughout the summer, as well as smaller off-campus groups meeting in-person. Browse groups to join, or consider helping to start a new group using a Bible Study resource on Sabbath, The Lord’s Prayer, Psalm 23, or Digging Deeper in Hebrews at calvarylife.org/groups

Discover More: Learn about ways you can connect to life at Calvary including weekly pastoral updates and online events, find resources to receive care and help through this season, and discover how we are reaching out with the good news of Jesus locally and globally at CalvaryLife.org

RESOURCES

Worship Service Live-Stream: Calvary will not be having in-person, on-campus groups or services until further notice. The Worship Service will be streamed live online each Sunday at 9:30am. Find ways to watch and resources for you and your family on our website at calvarylife.org/live

Family Activities: Find ways to help “do church” with your kids and fun activities to build their faith each Sunday and throughout the week with great resources provided by Calvary Town at calvarylife.org/town

Find Help or Give Help: Do you need assistance or encouragement in this season? Or, do you want to get involved and be available to help others in need? Find ways to receive help or give help at calvarylife.org/help

Ways to Give: Please pray for those who are affected economically by this virus and for our church finances as well, that God would sustain and provide through this challenging season. Please consider mailing a donation to the church or you can give online simply and securely this week at calvarylife.org/give



CONNECT. GROW. REACH
1010 N. Tustin Ave. | Santa Ana | CA

phn | 714.973.4800
web | calvarylife.org