



A preacher, who was said to be "humour impaired," attended a conference to help encourage and better equip pastors for their ministry. There were many well known and dynamic speakers and one such boldly approached the pulpit and, gathering the entire crowd's attention, said: "The best years of my life were spent in the arms of a woman that wasn't my wife!" The crowd was shocked! He followed up by saying, "And that woman was my mother!" – The crowd burst into laughter and delivered the rest of his talk, which went over quite well. The next week, the pastor decided he'd give this humouring a try, and use that joke in his sermon. As he approached the pulpit that sunny Sunday, he tried to rehearse the joke in his head and it suddenly seemed a bit foggy to him. Getting to the microphone he said loudly: "The greatest years of my life were spent in the arms of another woman that was not my wife!" The congregation inhaled half the air in the room. After standing there for almost 10 seconds in the stunned silence, trying to recall the second half of the joke. Finally the pastor blurted out: "...and I can't remember who she was!"

Some of our lives seem hope impaired and often financial, physical, social or emotional circumstances interrupt our lives to the extent of stunned stillness where we are stuck hopeless and motionless while the world spins madly on. And every so often these limiting circumstances are so lengthy and become such focal points that we forget how we've spent the best years of our lives or even that we had great times. However, if God remains our focus and we trust in the SOURCE OF HOPE, who is God, in the midst of our hopeless and limiting circumstances, we will be filled with joy and receive peace. And even though the disastrous confusion of our lives may confuse us, we will be confident in the power of the Holy Spirit.

This month we will be exploring the limitless hope our Lord has already provided for us, through the CROSS- the good news for all mankind under all circumstances. Causing our hearts to overflow with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit.

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.**
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

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WELCOMES YOU

MORNING SERVICE

9h30

EVENING SERVICE

18h00

WEDNESDAY 4

Prayer Celebration
19h00 - 20h00

THURSDAY 5

Woman of Hope Bible Study
09h45 - 11h00
(Repeat) 18h45 - 20h00
Cost: R51 per book

FRIDAY 27

Laugh your way to a better marriage
at Hope Church
18h00 - 20h00

SUNDAY 29

Teachers Appreciation
18h00

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY 3

Travelling Supper

WEEK OF PRAYER

5 - 12 SEPTEMBER

AUGUST						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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LAUGH YOUR WAY
to a Better Marriage

by Mark Gungor



PART TWO
FRIDAY 27 AUG



ACCESS:D

Friday
@ 19h00



Sunday
@ 09h30
in the Kidz Centre
Prayer Meeting
every Monday
at 17h00 - 18h00