

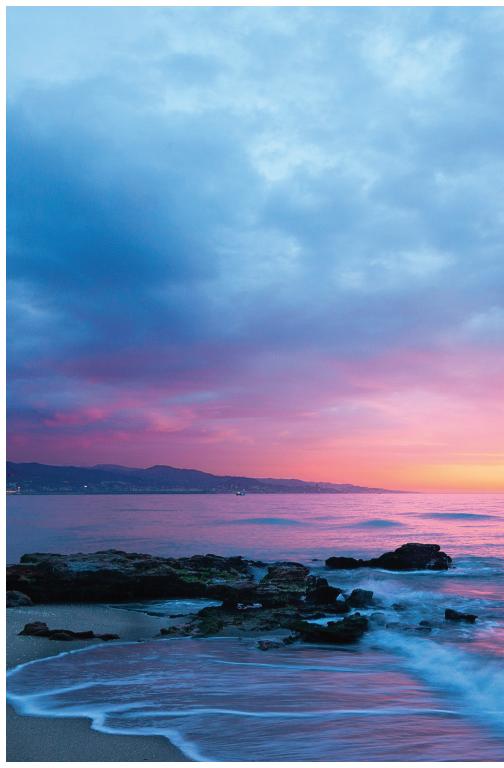
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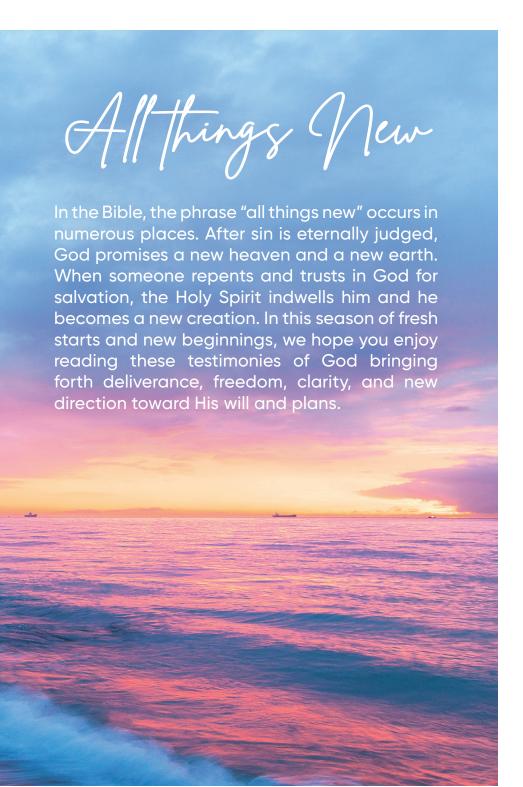
# **A Family Called Hope**

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### Testimony **Matt Cuarenta**

#### God is Doing a New Thing

Happy New Year, Hope Chapel! The New Year is famous for new goals we all want to accomplish and fresh starts. I encourage you all to ask a few questions when setting out on your new year goal setting. Please ask yourselves:



- What is God making new in your life?
- How is He moving in your life this new year?
- Are you sensitive to how the Holy Spirit is prompting you?
- Are you trusting God in His provision?

These are all questions that I asked myself when God did something new in my life. Isaiah 43:19, God says, Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." These words could not have been yelled louder in my ears late last year.

Recently, I had to have the lower half of my right leg amputated. After being in excruciating pain for several months and going through different procedures and countless scans and ultrasounds, my doctors decided this was the best course of action. What I thought would be a drastic measure to relieve the pain, was really the new thing that God was doing in my life. God is prompting me to live in His will, not mine. While I knew this new thing God was doing was not something I wanted, I realized it was something I needed. It caused me to trust Him more, and to tabernacle with Him.

In the time spent with Him in reflection, He made two things truly clear to me:

- 1) He is going to provide for my family and me in every way through His body.
- 2) Tell His story of restoration.

#### Matt Cuarenta cont'd

God's promises have not failed us. We have received countless blessings from the entire church body. Blessings like prayers and fellowship, meals and financial support, and a new place to live that is more suitable for our lifestyle. We even had a whole team of church members come out to help with the move. But this new thing that God is doing is also allowing me to share God's story of His gospel of peace with more people He is putting into my life.



### **Testimony Chrissy Arangoa**



Five months after moving out of my parents' home, my mom suddenly passed away. My family and I didn't know how to do life without my mom. During these past two years, I was looking for comfort and returned to a relationship that was not pleasing to God. I was also not attending Hope Chapel. I distracted myself with my work and spending time with close friends that were very loving towards me.

I came back to Hope and in January of 2023, Pastor Zac preached about "All Things New". The Lord spoke to me and little did I know, that He was literally going to make all things new in my life. God told me to fast and what He did at the end was mind blowing.

Revelation 21:5, "Behold, I am making all things new, write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Now my family and I are closer than ever. At the prompting of the Holy Spirit, I let go of a relationship that meant a lot to me. Thankfully, I have Godly friends that support and encourage me from my Bible study. Unexpectedly, I was let go as a teacher and had to move back home with my Dad. Two months later, I was called back and I'm still teaching today. In retrospect, I can see God's plan was for me to move back home to be with my family.

The Lord definitely made all things new and redirected my life toward His will for me. I am in love with Jesus more than ever, I love God's law and want to glorify Him in all I do.

## Testimony Tommy Aaron



This past year has been an eventful one, full of changes and new experiences. Starting out with the blessing of my wife's pregnancy with identical twin boys. My wife and lalso got baptized at the same time in August. Then two weeks later, our lives changed forever, a new journey began, the marathon of parenthood. Being born again in Christ had completely changed us, and then becoming parents for the first time was incredible.

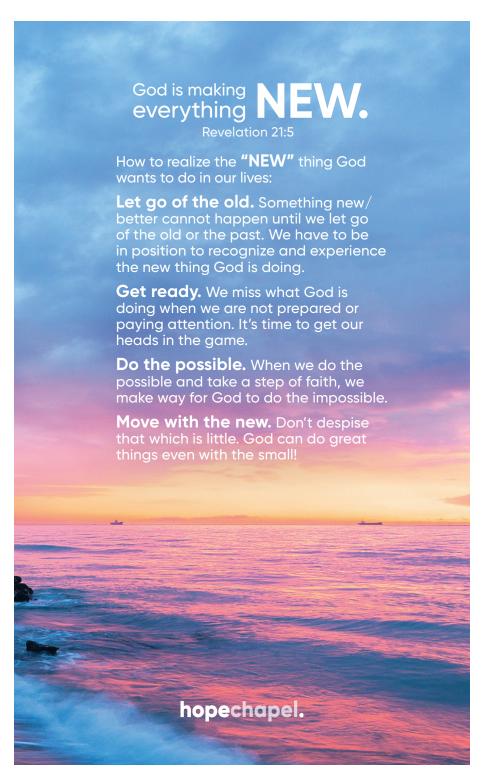
The Lord transformed me into a completely new man, healed me, gave me new ambitions, and a ferocious new drive. I continually feel filled to the brim with gratitude, joy, love, and excitement. A different form of energy I've never felt before.

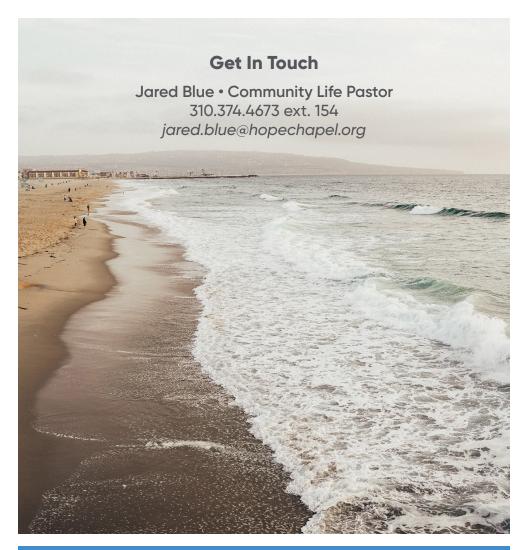
There are not enough words to express how much appreciation I have in my heart for our Lord Jesus Christ. It's truly remarkable how He answered my prayers. My faith, belief, and trust are solid and anchored in the power of His Word. Truly He is the Alpha & Omega.

Recently, the Lord has been putting it on my heart to speak and use words differently. He says in Matthew 12:36 that on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak. Then again in Proverbs 18:21 that death and life are in the power of the tongue. As someone who used to swear like a sailor, those scriptures hit me intensely. I knew quickly I had to make a conscious adjustment and be more mindful of how I speak.

I would like to encourage all my brothers and sisters in Christ to make a change like me; only speaking words to build each other up as we are commanded to do (Ephesians 4:29). Also let's hold our thoughts captive in obedience to our Lord as it says in 2 Corinthians 10:5.

I know I can do better, not by myself in my own strength though, but through Christ our Lord who gives us strength through the Holy Spirit. God Bless everyone reading this, and God bless our beautiful Church, Hope Chapel!





#### **Weekend Services**

Saturday | 5 pm Sunday | 9 am Sunday | 11 am

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