

**Date: November 19, 2017**

**Sermon Title: Hope for Children**

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**Scripture text(s): Exodus 1:7, 22; Acts 7:21; Matthew 1: 18-25, 13-14; James 1:27**

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- 1) In his book, Adopted for Life, Russell Moore called the protection of children spiritual warfare. How have you personally witnessed this to be a true statement?
  - 2) Why is Satan so intent on attacking children?
  - 3) Why is it important to protect your marriage?
  - 4) Read Exodus 1:7, 22 and Acts 7:21. Discuss God's role in how this story plays out. How does God's role bring encouragement to us in difficult circumstances?
  - 5) What is God's heart about the plight of children?
  - 6) Read Matthew 2:16. What was Herod's motivation?
  - 7) Read Matthew 1:18-25 and 2:13-14. Discuss how God used Joseph as a protector of children. What do you learn from Joseph's quick obedience?
  - 8) Think about the gifts, talents, and resources God has given you. How can you use those to be a protector of children?
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### **Group Prayer Time:**

Have 1 – 2 people in your group pray through each part of the A.C.T.S. prayer acronym.

1. **Adoration** – How is God's character reflected in this week's passage? Let that revelation lead you to worship and adore God.
2. **Confess** – The Word of God exposes and uncovers sin. Respond to that conviction by agreeing with what God has said about your sin.
3. **Thanksgiving** – Where do you see God working? Thank God for his faithfulness in your life and the lives of others.
4. **Supplication** – God's Word helps us understand his purposes and plans. Ask God to give you the desires of his heart as you pray for your needs and the needs of others.

### **Pray for Missions:**

This week in your group prayer time, have someone pray for this missions' effort. Different missions will be highlighted every week.

**International Missions** – Pray for Lynda Gregg with the Baptist Medical & Dental Mission International. Lynda is a missionary in Honduras and specially works with the optical ministry. She has been in Honduras since 2009 and has expanded the Baptist Medical & Dental International's eyeglass ministry, including a mobile eyeglass ministry where she goes to the villages the other medical teams aren't able to reach. Lynda's ministry is taking better sight to the people of Honduras. Pray for her safety as travels along difficult mountain terrain. Rejoice with those who have been given the gift of better vision with glasses. Pray they would be open to the message of Christ through this eyeglass ministry. For more information or to see some pictures of men, women, and children receiving glasses, click the following links: <http://bmdmi.org/dbml/missionary.php?id=11> and Lynda's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lynda.gregg.33>.