

## **BOOK REVIEW** HOPE IN THE DARK - Craig Groeschel

Craig Groeschel began writing furiously after a close friend miscarried. He wrote about all the usual questions that Christians tend to ask when their world falls apart. Why has God allowed this? Doesn't He care? Does He even exist? As a pastor, Groeschel was painfully aware that people do not want or need clichés at such times. So this is a very raw, very honest look at the issue of suffering, particularly as it relates to Christian people who want to believe.

Some Christian writers in the past have focused on overcoming doubt, as if doubt and uncertainty cannot be allowed to exist in Christianity. They jump very quickly into answers that are unconvincing to hurting people. Groeschel does not do that. In fact, he sees doubt as a necessary step in the process of Christian growth and faith. He also encourages readers to learn from their valley experiences rather than simply longing to return as quickly as possible to the mountain top highs of life.

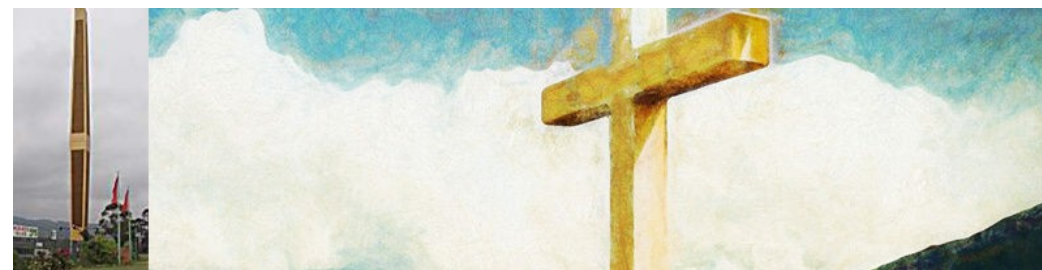
Solid bible exposition and depth of life experience make this a very worthwhile and well-balanced book. Genuinely hurting Christian people should be able to find real consolation and hope in this book. Hope in the dark.

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

No-one will be coming around with an offering bag but, if you feel in the Lord that you want to continue supporting CCF, offerings can be made by direct deposit to the CCF account.

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## **CATCHING UP**

We are still working on the best way to catch up during the current coronavirus situation. Visiting each other is strongly

discouraged. We are still hoping to do a video each week but, in the meantime, we hope this weekly update will help. The Moe church will definitely be screening from 10 am each Sunday, and some of us will be participating in that from time to time.

## **DAYLIGHT SAVING**

Daylight saving *ends* on Saturday night 4th April. Clocks are to be wound *back* one hour. An extra hour of sleep ... yay!

## **SAM the CHRISTMAS HAM**

Donations are steadily growing in the fund that will be used to provide Christmas hampers to needy families this Christmas. One or two dollars each week, as you are able, will make a big difference at the end of 2020.

## **CORONAVIRUS PRAYER POINTS**

Several Christians in various churches around the world are praying about Covid-19 for 19 minutes at 1900 hours each evening (that's 7pm).

But how to pray?

Martin Iles, from Australian Christian Lobby, suggests the following:

Please pray as you are led. You might draw inspiration from the following points. Pray that ...

- the spread of the virus will be supernaturally slowed;

- the aged and immunocompromised would be especially protected;
- health workers would be protected and sustained
- a spirit of fear and panic would be opposed and subdued;
- our leaders and decision-makers would have great wisdom;
- those working on the development of a vaccine would succeed in record time;
- Australians will remain calm and act wisely;
- the Australian economy be protected from long-term damage;
- God would achieve his good purposes according to his good plans;
- many would experience God as their refuge and help; and finally,
- a great many hearts would turn in humility and repentance towards God.

That final point, perhaps, is the most crucial.

**Martyn Iles**  
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