

SERIES: Seeing Jesus  
TITLE: Commanding Hope  
TEXT: Luke 7:1-10

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The 2020 Question:

*Where would we be at the end of 2020 if we fixed our eyes first and foremost on Jesus – every hour, every day – in a way that allowed Him to capture our hearts more than any competing vision?*

Today's Focus:

**Give control to the One in control!**

Come to an end of yourself

Come to Jesus – and bring others with you!

Come to Jesus in faith

**FOR FURTHER ACTION AND REFLECTION:**

- Read Isaiah 40:31 (or the whole chapter!), Hebrews 10:19-25
- Memorize Hebrews 10:23
- Listen to “Jesus I Need You” – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKM-8CZRplI>
- Listen to “Cornerstone” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izrk-erhDdk>
- Listen to “Worth it All” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yi3v0KKqmu4>
- Read “When the Deadly Outbreak Comes: Counsel from Martin Luther” - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/evangelical-history/when-the-deadly-outbreak-comes-counsel-from-martin-luther>

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. What is one specific way you feel you have lost some aspect of control in this season?
3. How has the Lord demonstrated to you personally that He is worthy of your trust – that you really can “give Him control”? Can you share a testimony of a time when you experienced His faithfulness – even recently?
4. Do you ever feel like you tried to give God control but “it didn’t work”? Or that things didn’t “get better”? Explain a time when you have felt this way – perhaps even recently. What temptations do we face when we feel this way?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and James 1:2-4. What do we learn from these passages about how to trust God when we seem to be losing control, or when we might be tempted to think God isn’t hearing our prayers.
6. Read Joel 1:2-4, 11-14, and 2:12-14. What do God’s people do in this passage when they lose control? What would it look like for us to get “hungry for God” in this season?
7. Read 2 Chronicles 20:1-17. What do you learn in this passage about “giving control to God”?
8. Read Nehemiah 9:1-3. What did it look like for this generation of God’s people to seek the Lord? What would this look like for us today? As an individual? Family? Church?
9. Read Hebrews 10:19-25. What does Jesus want us to know is true about Him as we come to Him?
10. Share about something you will seek to give God control of in this season. Spend some time praying with one another as we trust the Lord together.