

2012 UPDATES

Counseling & Equipping With The Hope & Sufficiency of God's Word

HOPE FOR LIFE

WE'RE MOVING!

Yes, it's true - **Hope For Life** is moving! After nearly 20 years of ministering in various capacities at the **Youth For Christ** building in downtown Fresno, Mark is relocating to a brand new, centrally-located office at Herndon & Willow in Fresno. We're excited about this new opportunity, and thank the Lord for His provision through the generous support of Shawn & Tracey Anderson at **Willow Dental Group**. Come visit us in January, 2013!

MARRIAGE CLASSES

Our new class **Marriage For The Wise** was taught at 2 different locations this year, with more scheduled for 2013. This class, along with the accompanying book, takes an in-depth look at God's design for marriage, examining such crucial topics as *conflict*, *stress*, *communication*, *parenting*, and *biblical marital roles* for husbands and wives. We've been blessed by the response and look forward to sharing more of God's Word in this area.

SPRING CONFERENCE

In addition to ongoing marriage classes, we are excited to announce an upcoming marriage conference scheduled for the Spring. Mark has been invited to **Riverpark Bible Church** in Fresno to speak at a weekend conference focusing on marriage, with a regular weekly marriage class to follow. We'll keep you updated on the details, and you can always check our website hopeforlifeonline.com for the latest information.

NEW BOOK & EQUIPPING WEBSITE

Our new book **Marriage For The Wise**, along with our "new & improved" website, hopeforlifeonline.com, are both designed to equip couples to grow in unity, primarily in the five key areas that most marriages have in common: *spiritual beliefs*, *money*, *time*, *physical intimacy*, and *parenting*. We want to continue to provide resources like these that will bring clarity and hope to God's design for all relationships, including marriage.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Hope For Life needs your help! This vital non-profit ministry is supported by the donations of the church and community. Would you consider partnering with us financially to provide counseling and sound biblical equipping to so many who need it? We are beyond blessed and humbled by your continued prayers and support of our family and this ministry. **Thank you** from the bottom of our hearts.



DEPRESSION & HOPE

counseling testimony



It was a totally quirky God-thing that I even had a business card for *Hope For Life*, but I had it and I'd been carrying it around for months. So, when the counselor that I was seeing on a regular basis suggested that it was probably time to start antidepressants, I pulled out the card and made the call.

[I was convinced there was another way to deal with my depression, and that there were answers and hope for my struggles found in God's Word.]

At my first meeting with Mark, not only was the Bible open on his desk, but it was used repeatedly during the session and in every one that followed. The meetings were closed with prayer and I was directed into appropriate Scripture, while delving into the root of my issue.

I walked out of the first session feeling the greatest sense of hope in overcoming my battle with depression that I'd ever felt.

Almost immediately, I was attacked by Satan (and my flesh); but, within mere seconds, the Holy Spirit reassured me with a Scripture passage that Mark and I had just talked about! Once again, God's unfailing love came to my rescue via the Holy Spirit and *Hope For Life*.

The ministry of *Hope For Life* brought me back to the reality that I do indeed have hope for my life, and it's found in Christ Jesus.

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:13)

Amen, and thanks be to God!

MARRIAGE CLASS

response & feedback

“This is life-changing information for me.”

“We have already recommended it to others.”

“God has truly used you to touch my life and my marriage.”

“I love the way this material went deep into Scripture and clearly defined so many areas of life.”

“A ton of great information!”