

Sermon Series

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# Place

Rooted, Uprooted,  
Re-Routed



# Narrative Arc of “Place” in Scripture

ROOTED

UPROOTED

RE-ROUTED



# HOPE

HOMECOMING



PLACEMAKING



IMAGINATION



MEMORY



**“Hope is a lived expectation of future good. It is something that *comes* from the past, is *invested* in the present and *carried* into the future.”**

Alex with help from Brian Walsh and Steven Bouma-Prediger





**“In Scripture we are constantly reminded of our identity as a covenant people...In times of exile we face the unique danger of loss of memory and loss of community. In that void, we are apt to believe in the promises of Empire to give us a home...in an eternal Now”**

Leonard Hjalmarson (No Home Like Place)



**“Memory produces hope in the same way that amnesia produces despair.” It is an extraordinary statement, one that reminds us that though hope is about the future, grounds for hope lie in the records and recollections of the past. You row forward looking back, and telling history is part of helping people navigate toward the future.”**

Rebecca Solnit



**“In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling...You will bring them in and plant them on the mountain of your inheritance – the place, LORD, you have made for your dwelling.”**

Exodus 15 (Song of Miriam and Moses)



**“Then you will call on me and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me. I will be found by you and will and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you, and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.**

Jeremiah 29:12-14





**“He has brought down the rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent away the rich empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful...just as he promised our ancestors.”**

Mary's Song (Luke 1)



**“The task of prophetic ministry is to nurture, nourish, and evoke a consciousness and perception alternative to the consciousness and perception of the dominant culture around us.”**

Walter Brueggemann (Prophetic Imagination)



**“After a rain, mushrooms appear on the surface of the earth as if from nowhere. Many come from, a sometimes vast, underground fungus that remains invisible and largely unknown. What we call mushrooms, mycologists call the fruiting body of the larger, less visible fungus... it recalls that power comes from the shadows and the margins, that our hope is in the dark around the edges, not the limelight of centre stage. Our hope and often our power.”**

Rebecca Solnit





**“What is the connection between the home we knew and the home we dream? I believe that what we long for most in the home we knew is the peace and charity that, if we were lucky, we experienced there, and I believe that it is the same peace and charity we dream of finding once again that the tide of time draws us toward. The first home foreshadows the final home, and the final home hallows and fulfills what was most precious in the first. That, at least, is my prayer for us all.**

Frederick Buechner (The Longing for Home)

