

**May 22, 2016**

**Series: Jesus + Nothing**  
**Sermon Title: Hope for the Rope**

**Key Verse:**

**Galatians 4:7 (NRSV)**

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**The Key:**

**Responsible Rope Recipients**

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**Taking it IN**

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## Letting it OUT

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## Taking it FOR YOURSELF

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Red - LOVED DEEPLY

Blue - ACADEMICS-LIFELONG LEARNER

Purple - SPIRITUAL WALK ROYALTY

Green - HANDLE MONEY WISELY

Yellow - PEACE FOR COMING HOME

### Challenge Questions:

**Where might your rope need to be shortened through accountability?**

**What part of your rope needs tending?**

**How can you tell your rope story?**

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