

Messages of hope

“It wasn’t meant to be this way!”

Do you sometimes feel like “this is not what I signed up for”? Like you’re running around flat out, but not really getting anywhere? Our lives are so busy and it’s hard to keep up with it all. Sometimes we feel like giving up. Kim feels like this:

“I am always stressed. I feel like I block out everyone, even those close to me and those trying to help. I totally shut down”

Kim searched for “How to deal with stress?” on Google and your Messages of Hope was there to help.

Whilst there are many different things that trigger stress, it’s something that we can all relate to.

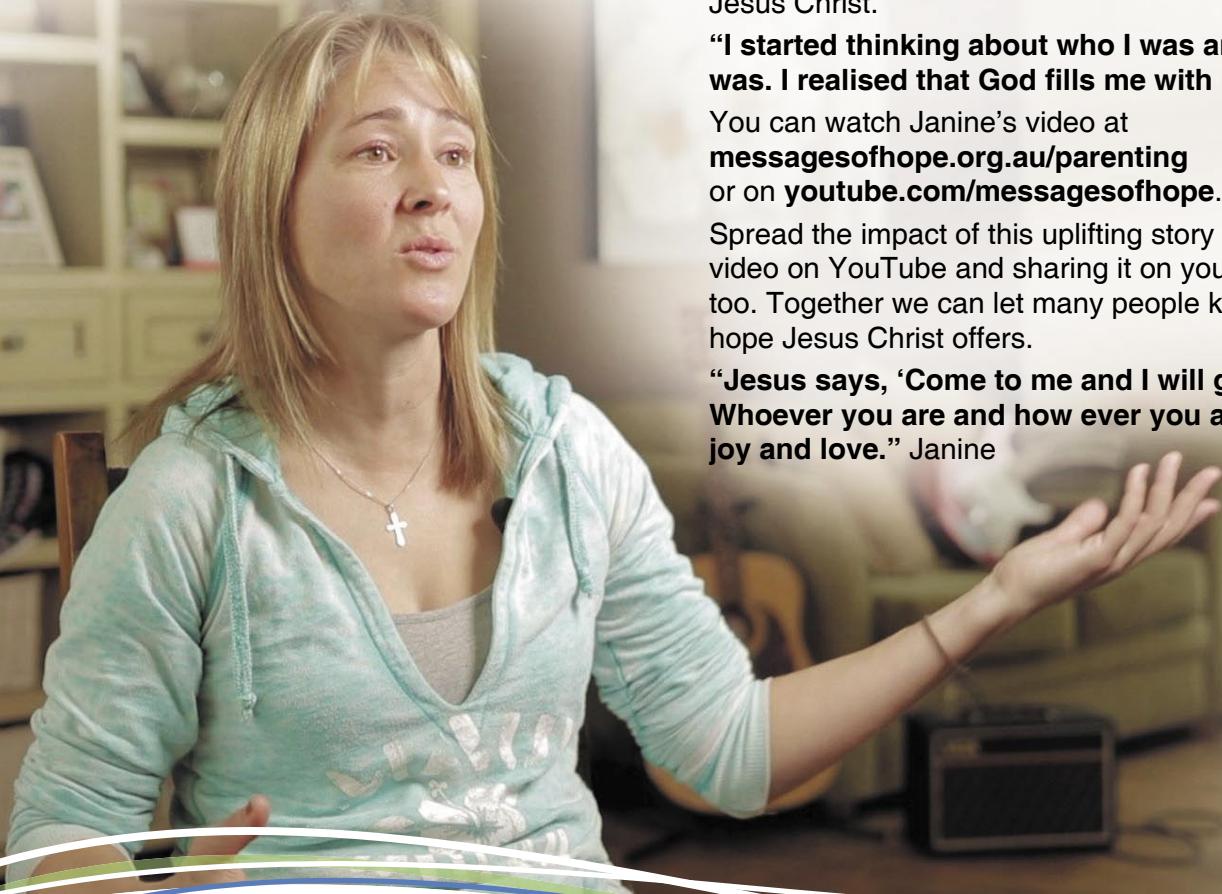
In your new Messages of Hope video - **“It wasn’t meant to be this way”** – Janine (pictured) shares her story which offers hope to cope with stress.

Janine takes you through the time in her life when reality crashed into her dreams and how she navigated her way as a young mum struggling through stress. What Janine learnt from her situation can relate to us all - that God loves us and gives us peace through Jesus Christ.

“I started thinking about who I was and whose I was. I realised that God fills me with love.” Janine You can watch Janine’s video at messagesofhope.org.au/parenting or on youtube.com/messagesofhope.

Spread the impact of this uplifting story by liking the video on YouTube and sharing it on your social media too. Together we can let many people know of the hope Jesus Christ offers.

“Jesus says, ‘Come to me and I will give you rest’. Whoever you are and how ever you are. It’s peace, joy and love.” Janine



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

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Messages of Hope for a tragedy

In March, Christchurch NZ experienced a tragic shooting that shocked the world. How do you react to something like this? What can you say?

Media outlets were struggling to comprehend what had happened and what they could say. Esma from Newstalk ZB (NZ's number 1 radio station) shared with me their response;

"I listened to the Messages of Hope for the month and decided to go to our executives to play it on all of our radio stations and across the country. It was a great message of hope for all people of NZ. Thank you."

As a result, Esma said that many people contacted the radio station to know more about your Messages of Hope. Many people also visited messagesofhope.org.nz for more help too.

I wasn't sure what messages we had sent her for that month and we certainly hadn't planned for the Christchurch shooting. I checked out the messages and discovered that they were on grief and suffering.

"Jesus cares about you and is here to carry you through." Messages of Hope.

An amazing example of how God works to share his message of hope in Jesus Christ in times of tragedy.

Every month, two new Messages of Hope are produced for New Zealand. You can watch them at messagesofhope.org.nz

Your Messages of Hope grows in reach

Your Messages of Hope is now on the largest Christian radio station in Australia, LightFM in Melbourne. 75% of their audience is non-Christian so your Messages of Hope is helping to reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ. Millions of people can now hear Messages of Hope on one of more than 800 radio stations across Australia and New Zealand.

Check out messagesofhope.org.au and the link on the bottom of the page to find a radio station that plays your Messages of Hope near you.

"I heard Messages of Hope on LightFM in Melbourne. They sound great." Jobby

"Heard you on my radio in NZ this morning. Short little segment on Martin Luther." Daniel



"Dementia This is our Story" seen by millions

The story of God walking with John and Maureen through their journey with dementia has touched many lives and given hope in Jesus Christ.

An Italian media company saw their story on Messages of Hope's Facebook page and asked to share it throughout Italy and Europe. We agreed and in a matter of weeks, over 2.5 million people had watched the story.

Including many families, over 250,000 people have seen their story on youtube.com/messagesofhope (see the Dementia playlist).

Your support for Messages of Hope is impacting the lives of millions of families throughout the world. Thank you!

Responses to their story include;

"this man is so beautiful.
I love this story. thank you
for sharing." Stephanie

"this man made me cry he is
an awesome guy... God bless!"
Alisa

"This is love in action!
Wow, I'm in tears."
Sarah

"THIS IS A STORY OF SUCH
TRUE LOVE, COURAGE AND
INSPIRATION!!" Teresa

"this is the real life version of
the notebook, don't you think?"
Paul

Worship online and DVD

People who can't get to a church or who are enquiring about worship have the opportunity to worship online at lutheranmedia.org.au/worship or livestream.com/luthworship or facebook.com/luthmedia.

Thanks to the partnership with St Michael's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Toowoomba, you can worship with hundreds of people online or through a weekly DVD.

Thank you for bringing love to life through this special Lutheran ministry. Please keep praying God will use the messages you put on the airwaves to bring hope.

Watch videos, read stories and see how you are reaching out through Lutheran Media at:

2020 Scripture Calendar

“Thank you for the calendar.
After a long lapse I am now
re-reading the bible! Thank you
for all your help & broadcasts.”

Ruth

Full of inspiring images and verses.
You can pre-order
your 2020 Calendar at
lutheranmedia.org.au/calendar
or call us on 1800 353 350.
They make great gifts.

Pray for us!

With millions of people looking for hope, more radio stations are enquiring about your Messages of Hope. Added to the reach through social media, the opportunities to share Jesus' message of hope is growing quickly and widely.

I attended the first Radiodays commercial radio conference held in Asia in Kuala Lumpur. Sitting with leaders in radio, I shared about your Messages of Hope. Their interest in playing Messages of Hope was very encouraging and I have since had many conversations to play Messages of Hope on even more radio stations.

Please pray for the discussions with media outlets so that more people hear Jesus' message of hope.



Thanks and God bless,
Rev Richard Fox

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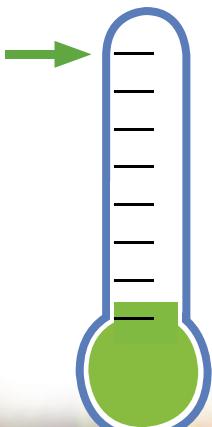
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Outreach Activities

- **Make** a 30 second Messages of Hope radio ad **\$147**
- **Print** and give hope-filled booklets on topics such as stress and relationships **\$2,000 per topic**
- **Reach and connect** with thousands of people on social media through inspiring posts **\$4,000 a month**
- **Produce** an inspiring outreach video **\$5,000**
- **Reach out** to millions of people with Messages of Hope on more than 800 radio stations **\$20,000 a month**
- **Support** outreach online and DVD worship **\$30,000**

Please send us your feedback and ideas for reaching out through media to people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Help raise
\$150,000 by
the end of
December.



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