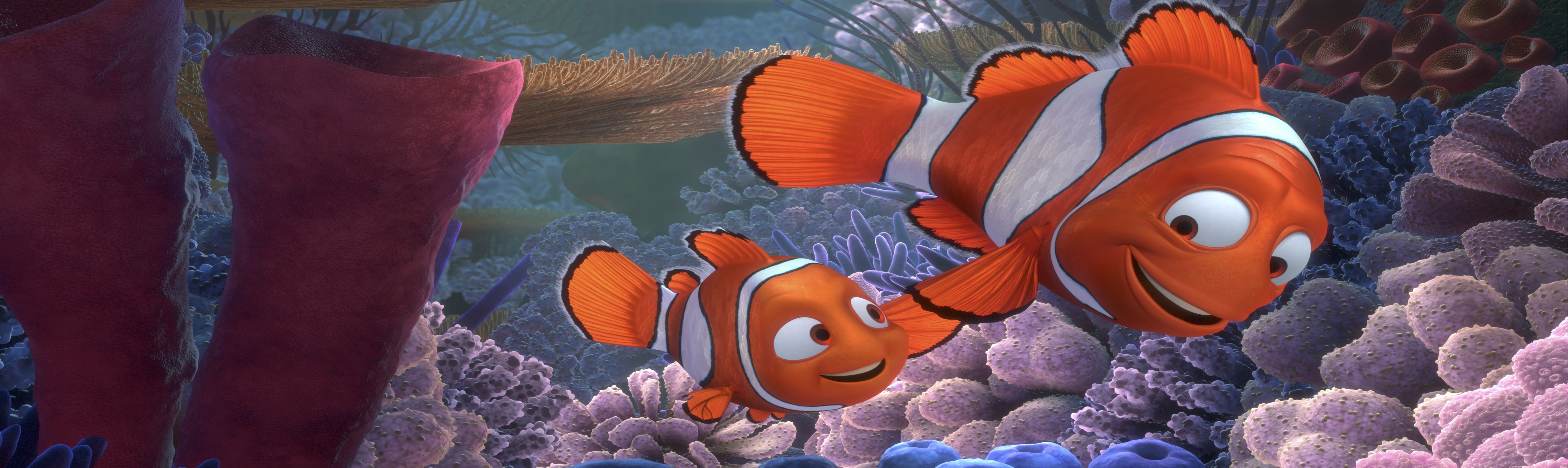




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Spurgeon: "God is too good to be unkind. He is too wise to be confused. If I cannot trace his hand, I can always trust his heart."

Pastor Steve: "God promises that he doesn't cause our suffering; however, when we suffer, he [also] doesn't waste it. God is SO GOOD that he can bring perseverance out of pain, character out of catastrophe and HOPE out of heartbreak. God never wastes our suffering. He uses it to *teach us*, and he uses it to *reach us*."



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Can I really trust God's Heart for me?

Last week we unraveled the issues of our:

- Myopic Vision – We can't *see* clearly
- Fractured Trust – We don't *trust* fully

Today we look at the *living hope* Jesus gives us.

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Living Hope

1 Peter 1:3-6 “Praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is so good, and by raising Jesus from death, he has given us new life and *a hope that lives on* [living hope]. God has something stored up for you in heaven where it will never decay or be ruined or disappear. You have faith in God whose power will protect you until the last day. Then he will save you, just as he has always planned to do. On that day you will be glad, even if you have to go through many hard trials for a while.”

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Living Hope

1 Corinthians 13:19 “If our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.”

Cultivating an eternal perspective during the joyful and joyless seasons of life:

“For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory [reward] that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.” (1 Corinthians 4:17-18)

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