

PRAYER TALKS - INTRO

WHAT IS HOPE?

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“Those who forget God have no hope.” See Job 8:11-13 (LB)

WHAT IS REAL HOPE?

Not optimism

3 Kinds:

1. Wishful hope
2. Expectant hope
3. Certain hope

“The CERTAIN HOPE of being saved is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls” Hebrews 6:19a (LB)

Real hope is based on God’s word... not my wishes.

“*God made a promise to Abraham . . . and Abraham waited patiently for it to happen, so he received what God promised. People always use the name of someone greater than themselves when they make an oath . . . God wanted to prove that his promise was true to those who’d get what he promised, and he wanted them to understand that his purposes never change, so God made an oath. “Now there are two things that are unchangeable: God cannot lie when he makes a promise, and he cannot lie when he makes an oath. These things encourage us . . . They give us strength to hold on to the HOPE we have been given. WE HAVE THIS HOPE AS AN ANCHOR FOR OUR SOULS. It is sure and it is strong!”* Hebrews 6:13-19

“Jesus taught his followers that they should always pray and never lose hope.” Luke 18:1 (NCV)

10 Top Reasons for Hopelessness

1. When you feel alone or abandoned– Jesus: I am with you.
2. When you feel powerless to change the situation Jesus: All authority has been given to me therefore go.....
3. When you feel purposeless – Jesus: I am the way and the truth.
4. When you feel a major loss – Jesus: I am the resurrection.
5. When you feel you don’t have what you need – Jesus: I am the bread of life.
6. When you feel guilt or regret for something wrong – Jesus: Father, forgive them.
7. When you feel deeply wounded– Jesus: Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.
8. When you feel pulled in different directions – Jesus: I have overcome the world
9. When you feel terror – Jesus: Don’t be afraid! It is I! Take courage.
10. When you feel defeated – Jesus: Take courage I have overcome the world.

“When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! [This is a promise] When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up! The flames WILL NOT consume you! For I am the Lord, your God!” Isaiah. 43:1-3

Stop listening to your feelings and start praying and listening to the promises of God!

The Journey to Hope Begins