

Living with Our New Hope

New Life Lessons
February 6th, 7th, & 8th
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Day One—Read Romans 15:4-6, 13.

How does the Apostle Paul connect hope with God's Word? Scripture is definitely "encouraging" for us if we learn how to read it, study it and apply it to our lives. What part does our "endurance" play in us finding hope through God's Word?

Pray – Thank God for his Word. Ask Him to help you identify false sources of hope in your life. Ask him to help you keep your eyes on him for hope!

Day Two—Read Romans 15:4-6, 13 (again); Hebrews 10:25; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4.

It's easy for us to lose hope in these difficult times we're living in. Why is the encouragement of each other so often tied to hope in the New Testament?

Pray – Right now, pray for someone you know who might need encouragement and hope. Let the Holy Spirit bring people to mind, see their face, listen for prophetic leading in how to pray for them.

Day Three—Read Romans 15:4-6, 13 (again); John 14:1; 16:33; 1 Peter 5:6-7; Romans 5:3-5

Jesus said that our hope would come from a dynamic relationship with him through the Holy Spirit. Peter called our hope a "living hope" because it comes from our living Lord Jesus! Paul says in Romans 5 that hard times can develop character in us and bring hope because we see his work in our lives. How have you discovered the living hope of Jesus in the hard times you've faced?

Pray – Thank God for his faithfulness in your life! Thank him that he is trustworthy and is the source of true and lasting hope!

"How to Hope More in God"

New #4

Two Common Hope Problems

- FALSE HOPES
- CARELESSESS

Hope Basics

- Hope is ____ POSITIVE EXPECTATIONS ____

"But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently." (Romans 8:24-25)

- Hope is _____ POWERFUL _____

"Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold." (2 Corinthians 3:12)

- Hope is _____ PLACED _____

"In [Jesus] the nations will put their hope." (Matthew 12:18, 21)

"That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe." (1 Timothy 4:10)

How to Hope More In God

“No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame.” (Psalm 25:3; see also Romans 5:5)

Investigate God’s _____ PROMISES _____

“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.” (Romans 15:4)

“And this is what he promised us—eternal life... God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.” (1 John 2:25; 5:11; see also 1 Peter 1:18-21)

“...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)

Interrupt your _____ FALSE HOPES _____

“Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.” (Psalm 43:5)

“A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.” (Psalm 33:17)

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.” (1 Timothy 6:17)

“Such is the destiny of all who forget God; so perishes the hope of the godless. What they trust in is fragile; what they rely on is a spider’s web. They lean on the web, but it gives way; they cling to it, but it does not hold.” (Job 8:13-15)

Identify God’s _____ FAITHFULNESS _____

“He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us...” (2 Corinthians 1:10)

“Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations...” (Romans 4:18)

A Prayer of Hope

“18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.” (Ephesians 1:18-21)

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