

November SCRIPTURE & SPOTLIGHT

Hebrews 6:18 & 19; 10:23 | Hope

18 So it is impossible for God to lie for we know that his promise and his vow will never change!

And now we have run into his heart to hide ourselves in his faithfulness. This is where we find his strength and comfort, for he empowers us to seize what has already been established ahead of time—an unshakeable hope!

19 We have this certain hope like a strong, unbreakable anchor holding our souls to God himself...

23 So now we must cling tightly to the hope that lives within us, knowing that God always keeps his promises!

HOPE AFFIRMATION

Today, I might feel afraid,
but I don't have to be afraid.

I am a child of God. He is for me.

He is with me. I am filled with His peace.

Today, I seize what is mine.

I look ahead without fear, because God is on my side.

He is faithful and true. No matter what comes my way or happens today, I can be confident of this truth:

My hope is unshaken, because God is making a way for me and you.

Let's Talk About It!

Hope in the dictionary has a few meanings. Here are two:

- a **feeling** or **chance** that something will happen the way one wants it to.
- a **wish** for something that one thinks could come true; **desire**.

How are these definitions different or similar to what we read in Hebrews?

The Apostle Paul describes this hope as “a strong, unbreakable anchor”. **What do you imagine when you read this phrase?**

What do you know about anchors and what they are used for?

Not sure? Take some time to research it.

Verse 18 tells us that it is impossible for God to lie, because his promise and vow never change. **What do you think this means?**

In earlier verses, Apostle Paul reminds us of the story of Abraham and how God not only promised but vowed to bless him, give him a son and multiply his family. In verse 17, Paul tells us,

“So in the same way, God wanted to end all doubt and confirm it even more forcefully to those who would inherit his promises. His purpose was unchangeable, so God added his vow to the promise.”

This means that God wants us to know, *that we know, that we know* that he does not have any “take-backs” on his promises to us.

How does knowing this help us to cling to hope? To persevere?

What are some promises he's given us?

When you read, “And now we have run into his heart to hide ourselves in his faithfulness,” **what do you picture?**

How does it make you feel?

Empower means “to give power,” seize means to “take hold of suddenly or with force,” and established means “set up on a solid or forever basis”. Now, re-read verse 18. **What stands out to you? How does this make you feel? Why do you think they used such strong verbs? How does this help us to keep going?**

Due Monday, November 30