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Hope in God!

Who, or what do you place your hope in? Until recently it was common for Americans to put our hope in the power of our government, our strong financial systems, our successful corporate strategies and our iconic mega-corporations. Don't get me wrong, I love America and I believe we are still the greatest nation on the earth. However, now we see there is only one place we can rest our hope – and that is in God! **Not only is hope critical to our success in life, hope is critical to our survival.** Almost daily we hear of people taking drastic measures, some even ending their lives and the lives of others – and for what reason? They have no hope! Even if the systems of this world are failing – the systems of God are sure. God never fails!

Bible *hope* in its purest form can be described as a **joyful expectation**. It carries the meaning of **patiently waiting on God, trusting and expecting God to move on our behalf**. Bible hope is not a “wish that something good will happen” it is the **expectation that something good will happen!** When we know the unfailing, all loving character of God – we have hope! When we know the covenant promises of God – we have hope! When we base our lives upon the word of God – we have hope! In Matthew 7:24-25, Jesus tells us;

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. NKJV

As we see in this verse, storms will come. Yet, Jesus tells us when we build our house (our lives) upon the rock of His truth and His promises (His sayings) we will weather the storm. We *will* recover!

Hope and faith are inseparable power twins. **Faith cannot operate without hope.** Abraham is the called the father of our faith. He believed God's word in spite of his seemingly impossible circumstances. His hope was firmly planted on the faithfulness of God to do what He said He would do. The Apostle Paul speaks of Abraham in Ro-



mans 4:18 when he says; *"who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken. . ."* Abraham's hope was in the word that God spoke to him! It was his hope that caused him to finally see the promise;

For example, there was God's promise to Abraham. Since there was no one greater to swear by, God took an oath in his own name, saying: "I will certainly bless you, and I will multiply your descendants beyond number." Then Abraham waited patiently, and he received what God had promised. Now when people take an oath, they call on someone greater than themselves to hold them to it. And without any question that oath is binding. God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary. (Hebrews 6:13-20) NLB

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The Apostle Paul also tells us in Galatians 3:9, we are partakers of this hope with Abraham through Jesus Christ; *"And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."*

Let's be like Abraham and trust God to honor His word in our lives. God will see us through the storms of life. He will always lead us in triumph in Christ (2 Cor 2:14). He promises to give us the victory;

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 NKJV

Regardless of the times, we can stand on the promises of God and He will protect us. Look at this passage from Psalm 91:7-11;

A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. NKJV

And further Jesus tells us in John 14:27;

*Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. **Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.** NKJV*

Let's put our hope in God! And now, I leave you with a word from the Apostle Paul taken from the Amplified Version of the Bible;

*Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and gave us **everlasting consolation and encouragement and well-founded hope through [His] grace (unmerited favor), comfort and encourage your hearts and strengthen them [make them steadfast and keep them unswerving]** in every good work and word. (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)*

Let's spread this good news, this word of hope to those around us who need to know that God loves them and will help them through these troubled times. May the blessings of God abound in your life, in Jesus Name! Amen.

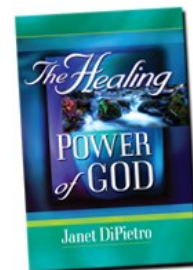
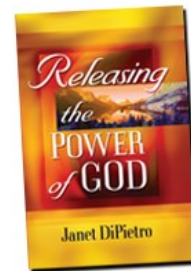


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