



IMMERSION

Knowing IS Everything | Because Everyone's Journey IS Different

The Rope of Hope > Ring The Bell of Hope

There are defining moments in our lives when God will ask us a question, or drop a phrase into our hearts and minds, to send us on a journey of discovery.

- Can you remember having gotten/or received a prophetic word and complaining to Him, 'But God things haven't gotten better, they've actually gotten worse.'

What should be our response to this? **"Don't pull up your sprouts of hope."** Instead, we need to proclaim and pray our promises from God to water these sprouts of hope, that can grow into trees. Thank Him for the promises that are on their way.

- Picture a girl or boy or maybe you at one time sitting on the ground, in the dirt, pulling up all these little sprouts of grass around you thinking they were nothing.

Now think of someone who has been given a cancer diagnosis and has a lot of health issues. What are they experiencing? What kind of thoughts are they having?

- We know that (as ministers of hope) Our ultimate **Hope** as Christians is in **Christ**, and **Our Eternal Salvation**.

But let us who, are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith, and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 1 Thess 5:8

I/they/you knew/know that our eternal salvation is just the beginning though, and that God has so much more planned for them.

- You are my hiding place, and my shield; I hope in Your Word. Psalm 119:114
- (You will hear some say) I know God wants me well, because His Word He says:

"who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed." 1 Peter 2:24

And for them to fulfill the dreams that they knew He had given them, they needed to be well.

Let the story catch your attention. From a young age, David was anointed by the prophet Samuel to be the future King of Israel, and for a little while things looked like they were falling into place nicely until the king turned on him.

- You got that husband you wanted, kids picked fence, car and a nice job, etc.... All peachy right? Then things take a turn, uproot your entire life, and everything is thrown into chaos...

David had to take off running for his life . . . And along the way, he poured his heart out in the Psalms . . . All this crazy stuff is happening to me, but **God has promised me good.**

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- (We ministers of Hope are reminded and want to convey the best way to say) Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who **hope** in the Lord. Psalm 31:24
Then there was this one day where he was living with the Philistines, and he tried to go to war against the Israelites and while he and his men were away, their village got plundered and all their wives and children taken captive.

His men wanted to stone him. He wept until he could weep no more and then he 'strengthened' himself in the Lord. He did what he always did when he was in trouble, reminded himself what God had **already done**, and then what God had **said He was going to do**.

Because King David knew God's Word and the covenant that he was in, instead of allowing his mind to run off to the worst-case scenario he would meditate on God's character and past miracles, and the prophetic word spoken over him by Samuel.

- He said in Psalm 103 to 'Bless the Lord oh my soul and forget not all his benefits . . . forgiveness of sins . . . healing of diseases . . . youth renewed . . . '

These are God's Words of hope that we can align our minds and meditations with. Psalm 91 is one of my favorite Psalms to meditate on. It's full of word pictures of life and hope, one of them being, > **"With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."** **Psalm 91:16**

- Here is the Question for us: "What does it look like to rewrite or retell the situation from victory?"

Based on God's Word of Him healing us, it would look like they being able to eat everything, and being able to drive again without worrying about stopping breathing, and they begin meditating on these Scriptures, they will come into alignment with God's Word.

Hope is a rope that I cling to hope is a scope that I see through. "Elizabeth Ainsworth

We need to have an expectation of God coming through for us.

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