



Sermon Notes

Embracing Hope Part 29 – Return to Hope August 23, 2020

To live without hope is to cease to live.

Hope is not an emotion.

Hope is the product of faith placed solely in God and His promises.

Hope is a result of faith.

Hope is a choice. It is a state of mind.

Romans 8:24-25

²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Hope is not based on what we see or feel.

Godly hope causes us to anticipate our future with eagerness.

Satan wants us to abandon hope.

We don't misplace hope...we walk away from it.

Satan steals our hope by causing us to focus on what is happening in the seen world.

God does not speak through dread or fear!

Isaiah 44:22

*²² I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist.
Return to me,
for I have redeemed you."
Our hope in God is only as strong as our intimacy with Him.*

Hope is the product of our spiritual life.

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Go back and do the things you once did.



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Sometimes we need to shut the boat off.

If we are going to heal and grow God's way, we need to slow down, shut up, stay put, and not move until He finishes His work, no matter what it is, how painful it is, and how long it takes.

Psalm 46:10

¹⁰ *He says, "Be still, and know that I am God..."*

Isaiah 55:1-2

¹ *"Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;*

*and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!*

*Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.*

² *Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.*

Jeremiah 6:14

¹⁴ *They dress the wound of my people
as though it were not serious.*

*'Peace, peace,' they say,
when there is no peace.*

Jeremiah 6:10

¹⁰ *To whom can I speak and give warning?*

Who will listen to me?

*Their ears are closed
so they cannot hear.*

*The word of the Lord is offensive to them;
they find no pleasure in it.*

As we return to God, we must not resist Him in the work He wants to accomplish in us.

The situations we ask God to change are often the situations God is using to change us.

"Let's not be afraid to look at everything that has brought us to where we are now and trust that we will soon see in it the guiding hand of a loving God."

-Henri Nouwen



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