



Sermon Notes

Embracing Hope Part 35 – Fearless Hope Part 4
October 18, 2020

Second-guessing robs us of joy, hope, and peace.

Second guessing is caused by a lack of self-confidence.

Insecurity is where fear meets shame.

Seeking approval of others as a remedy for insecurity only makes us more codependent and insecure.

You can't second guess yourself out of second guessing.

We will never be able to hope in the Lord when we are second guessing.

When we second guess what is done, we will miss what God is doing.

If we dwell in the past, we miss the present.

James 1:6

6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

Insecurity is learned behavior.

We often allow our pain to cut us off from hope.

Nothing makes us as defensive as insecurity.

Doubt creates limitations.

Much of our limitations are self-imposed.

When we truly embrace hope we are only limited by the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 3:20

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us

Finding our significance in God and hoping in Him is the cure for insecurity.

Immutable: Unchanging over time or unable to be changed.



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Numbers 23:19

*19 God is not human, that he should lie,
not a human being, that he should change his mind.
Does he speak and then not act?
Does he promise and not fulfill?*

Our healing begins when we understand and embrace our significance in God's eyes.

Jeremiah 31:3

*3 ... "I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.*

Psalms 8:3-4

*3 When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?*

Isaiah 49:13-16

*13 Shout for joy, you heavens;
rejoice, you earth;
burst into song, you mountains!
For the Lord comforts his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.
14 But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me,
the Lord has forgotten me."
15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast
and have no compassion on the child she has borne?
Though she may forget,
I will not forget you!
16 See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are ever before me.*

God's grace and approval of us should erase fear and insecurity.

1 John 4:17-18

*17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment:
In this world we are like Jesus. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear
has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.*

