

WHEN FAITH ARISES HOPE WILL BE ESTABLISHED

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Recap of last week

- We heard that our faith need to be stronger than our fears
- The church needs to be alert and be able to identify the voice of the enemy
- We need to adhere to the voice of God
- Resist the enemy and He will flee from you
- The enemy wants to discourage you and he comes to kill, steal and destroy
- 4 Actions that we need to do when we are in a situation
 - Call on the name of Jesus
 - Plead the blood of Jesus Christ
 - Work the Word of the Lord
 - Praise God

When faith arises hope will be established

- Hope is an action that needs to be taken
- Hope is a verb
- God is a God of Hope
- Hope can only be found in Christ
- Where there is hope there is trust and there is an expectation that something will happen
- Are you hopeful?
- Our hope should increase
- Hope also means to expect with confidence

Romans 15:13 (NKJV)

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Hope is not seated or found in us it is from God
- You are a person of hope because you are God's chosen
- Abound means to flourish and have plentiful – more than enough
- Your problems may be as big as a ship but God will give you a solution as wide as the ocean
- Job had everything that he wanted and he lost it all

Job 8:5-7 (NLT)

But if you pray to God and seek the favor of the Almighty and if you are pure and live with integrity, he will surely rise up and restore your happy home. And though you started with little, you will end with much.

Romans 5:3-5 (ESV)

Not only that but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character and character produces hope and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

- Hope does not put us to shame
- No shame will be added to your life because God loves us
- Maybe you are in a situation, learn to trust God and rely on Him and your hope will be restored

1. Learn to rely on the presence of God

- If you want your hope to be restored you need to rely on God
- Humble yourself and God will draw near to you
- We can smell the presence of God just like we can smell fear or danger
- When you smell smoke, you know that there is danger
- We feel the presence of God through the people around us
- We feel God in the unusual

Psalms 23:4 (ESV)

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- God's presence brings strength and comfort
- The message this morning is hope - It can only get better
- In God's presence you will hear Him
- When hope is established, you become courageous in the storm
- When you are in a situation hope brings a courageousness
- Allow God to steer your boat in order for hope to be restored

Psalms 23:6 (ESV)

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

2. Learn to rely on God's provision

Luke 12:22-24 (NLT)

Then, turning to his disciples, Jesus said, "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear. For life is more than food and your body more than clothing. Look at the ravens. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds!"

- God is our provider, Jehovah Jireh
- Rely on the provider
- Do not make your own plans but trust in Him
- God had a plan on how to sustain us before He formed us in our mother's womb
- Humans' breath in oxygen and breath out carbon dioxide and plants breath in carbon dioxide and breath out oxygen. God thought it through
- God is our provider but we need to be faithful stewards of what we have received
- Do not rely on the arm of the flesh – People will disappoint you
- Trust and rely on God for your provision and see how He will come through for you

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

- The situation that you are going through can be the very circumstance that God can use to take you to your next level

Psalms 59:17 (AMPC)

Unto You, O my Strength, I will sing praises, for God is my Defense, my Fortress and High Tower, the God Who shows me mercy and steadfast love.

3. Learn to rely on the power of God

- We are many times plugged into the wrong source thinking that we will receive a full charge

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- Maybe you have received a medical diagnosis that scared you or you are in a job situation that has gone wrong
- The greater the enemy comes at you, the greater Jesus is standing to push you out and change the circumstances and provide for you
- Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world
- We need to rely on His presence, His provision and His power
- Be connected to the source of power
- Stay charged up
- There is no future in your past – do not go back there
- Hope stretches forward
- A farmer cannot look back and plough straight
- Stay hopeful

Ephesians 3:16-17 (NIV)

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,