

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES CHRISTIANITY MAKE?

Part 3 (Hope)

WE GOTTA HAVE HOPE

- Living with hope - a confident favorable expectation
 1. Hope with our teams
 2. Hope in our relationships
 3. Hope for the future
- God's plan for His people is that they would have hope **(Romans 15:13 NKJV)**
 1. He is the God of hope
 2. He wants us full of hope
 3. What we believe plays a part in our hope

HOPE IN THE STORM

- A voice before the storm **(Acts 27:9-12 NKJV)**
 1. Paul perceived big trouble ahead
 2. He had no voice/influence at this juncture of the trip
- Hope was lost and found **(Acts 27:20-25 NKJV)**
 1. The storm was not letting up
 2. God injects hope into the middle of the storm
- The difference in Paul
 1. He identified with the living God
 2. He believed what God said would happen
 3. Paul had hope for himself and everyone on the boat

THE DIFFERENCE IS WE ARE A PEOPLE WITH HOPE

- Pay attention to the whispers of your heart
 1. The One who knows the future lives in us **(John 16:13 NKJV)**
- Identify strongly with your connection to God
 1. Our connection with God is through Jesus **(Ephesians 2:19 NKJV)**
 2. We strengthen that connection by our relationship with Him
- Believe beyond what is
 1. Believing beyond what is right in front of us
 2. Believing God's promises to us - creates an expectation of what will be
 3. As we do, we'll have more than enough hope for our lives