

THAT WE MIGHT HAVE HOPE

Part 1

Text: Romans 15:4 NKJV

HOPE IS IMPORTANT

- Hope: Desire of some good with the expectation of obtaining it; to expect
 1. Hope is expecting something good (personally)
 2. Perseverance plays a role in our hope - We are expecting and we keep on expecting
 3. The comfort of the scriptures give us hope - Another word for comfort is encouragement (*Isaiah 44:3-4 NKJV*)

SOURCES OF HOPE

- From our relationship with the Lord (*Psalms 33:18-22 NKJV*)
 1. A passage that offers comfort and produces hope
 2. His eye is on us - we are not abandoned, because we respect Him and hope in His mercy
 3. In His mercy He delivers our soul from death
 4. Our souls wait for the Lord - because He is our help and shield
 5. Our heart rejoices because we trust in Him
 6. We look to God's mercy so we expect good from Him
- From spending time in God's word (*Psalms 119:49-50 NKJV*)
 1. His word causes us to hope
 2. We go to His word for comfort

HOPE IN THE MIDDLE OF IMPENDING DISASTER (*1 Samuel 11:1-5 NKJV*)

- A situation with very little hope
 1. The people of Jabesh Gilead were facing slavery and physical distress
 2. Seven days of hope
 3. Their situation caused the other people in Israel to weep - caused them distress
- The promise of a king (*1 Samuel 11:9-11 NKJV*)
 1. Saul sent word that help would be there
 2. When the people of Jabesh Gilead heard the promise they were glad (*Romans 12:12a NKJV*)
 3. They were expecting good and acted accordingly
- We are facing difficult times
 1. But are not without help or hope
 2. These are the times that we lean into our relationship with the Lord
 3. These are the times where we take His word to us seriously
 4. And because we have hope we are glad