

This Is My Bible

Romans 15:4 (NIV)

⁴For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have **hope**.

- Hope – not speaking about wishful thinking, but a confident expectation based on the promises of God.
- Hope is an extension of faith. Faith is the present possession of God's promises...Hope is the confidence in the promises future accomplishment.
- Many People Are Wired To See Only The Negative (Those Who Died, Those Who Sinned, Those Who Got It Wrong)
- Challenge: Keep Your Focus On The Main Character – God (Study Him, Get To Know Him, You'll Begin To See That The Problem Is Never With Him)
- You'll Begin To Get A Clearer Picture Of What God's Plan Is For Your Life As You Stay Close To The Scriptures
- Start By

Psalm 42:5 (AMP)

Why are you in despair, O my soul?

And why have you become restless *and* disturbed within me?

Hope in God *and* wait expectantly for Him, for I shall again praise Him

For the help of His presence.

- Take Our Eyes Off Of Everyone Else (ex. Deep Sea Fishing Trip!!)
- God & God Alone Has The Power To Turn Your Situation Around!
- To Look Anywhere Else For Salvation Is To Look In Vain.
- God's Promise To His People Has Always Been To Return Us To A Land Of Promise
 - Based On His Matchless Love For Us, His Never-Ending Mercy For Us, His Faithfulness

Isaiah 43:18,19 (NIV)

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

- God Power & His Word Will Go Ahead And Make A Way

Ref to the Shunamite Woman Story (2 Kings 4:8-37)

- v. 20 – her son died (There may be times when it seems like the promise is dead.)
- v. 23 – she had a built in response that reflected her hope and faith in the man of God. "It is well"
- v 30 – she held on to the man of God because she new he alone could turn the situation around.

5 Positive Outcomes Of Placing Your Hope In God

1. New & Renewed Strength

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Isaiah 40:27-31 (NIV)

Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

2. God Will Be With You...Causing You To Experience Rest

Exodus 33:12-14 (NIV)

Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' ¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

¹⁴The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

3. Your Path Will Grow Brighter Each Day

Proverbs 4:18 (NIV)

The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

4. God Will Establish Your Plans

Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.

5. God Will Turn Your Situation Around In Your Favor

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Final Encouragement

- You May Not Know How Any Of This Will Come To Pass

Zephaniah 3:17 (GNT)

*The LORD your God is with you;
his power gives you victory.
The LORD will take delight in you,
and in his love he will give you new life.
He will sing and be joyful over you,*

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