

HOPE
Pt.4 – ‘Persevering Hope’
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Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

^[11] “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

^[58] Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

I. The Call to Hope

Acts 9:15-16 (NIV)

^[15] But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel."

^[16] "I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

2 Corinthians 11:22-28 (NIV)

^[22] Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's descendants? So am I.

^[23] Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again.

^[24] Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.

^[25] Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea.

^[26] I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers.

^[27] I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

^[28] Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

Philippians 3:4-8 (NIV)

^[4] ...If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more...

^[5] ...circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee...

^[6] ...as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

^[7] But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

^[8] What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

Titus 1:1-2 (NIV)

^[1] Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness...

^[2] ...a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time.

Hebrews 6:17-19 (NASB)

^[17] In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath...

^[18] ...so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.

^[19] This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a *hope* both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil...

Hebrews 11:1 (NASB)

^[1] Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.