

1. GROW EMPATHY.
2. CHOOSE TRUTH.
3. PRACTICE SELF-LEADERSHIP.
4. BE THE HOPE.

HOPE IS A BELIEF THAT WHAT I WANT
CAN BECOME WHAT I HAVE.

“IF I COULD FIND A WAY TO PACKAGE
AND DISPENSE HOPE, I WOULD HAVE A PILL
MORE POWERFUL THAN ANY ANTIDEPRESSANT
ON THE MARKET.”

POSSIBILITY SPARKS HOPE.
PROGRESS SUSTAINS HOPE.

HOPE ISN'T JUST SOMETHING WE KNOW,
IT IS SOMETHING WE GROW.

HOPE ISN'T JUST BELIEVING,
IT IS LIVING.

WHEN THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL SAW THE MIGHTY POWER
THAT THE LORD HAD UNLEASHED AGAINST
THE EGYPTIANS, THEY WERE FILLED WITH AWE
BEFORE HIM. THEY PUT THEIR FAITH IN THE LORD
AND IN HIS SERVANT MOSES.

EXODUS 14:31

**“BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS, FOR YOU ARE
THE ONE WHO WILL LEAD THESE PEOPLE
TO POSSESS ALL THE LAND I SWORE TO THEIR
ANCESTORS I WOULD GIVE THEM.”**

JOSHUA 1:6

THEN JOSHUA SECRETLY SENT OUT TWO SPIES
FROM THE ISRAELITE CAMP AT ACACIA GROVE.
HE INSTRUCTED THEM, “SCOUT OUT THE LAND ON
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE JORDAN RIVER, ESPECIALLY
AROUND JERICHO.” SO THE TWO MEN SET OUT AND CAME
TO THE HOUSE OF A PROSTITUTE NAMED RAHAB
AND STAYED THERE THAT NIGHT.

JOSHUA 2:1-2

AT THAT TIME THE LORD TOLD JOSHUA, “MAKE FLINT
KNIVES AND CIRCUMCISE THIS SECOND GENERATION
OF ISRAELITES.” SO JOSHUA MADE FLINT KNIVES
AND CIRCUMCISED THE ENTIRE MALE POPULATION
OF ISRAEL AT GIBEATH-HAARALOTH.

JOSHUA 5:2-3

NOW THE GATES OF JERICHO WERE TIGHTLY SHUT BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WERE AFRAID OF THE ISRAELITES. NO ONE WAS ALLOWED TO GO OUT OR IN. BUT THE LORD SAID TO JOSHUA, "I HAVE GIVEN YOU JERICHO, ITS KING, AND ALL ITS STRONG WARRIORS. YOU AND YOUR FIGHTING MEN SHOULD MARCH AROUND THE TOWN ONCE A DAY FOR SIX DAYS. SEVEN PRIESTS WILL WALK AHEAD OF THE ARK, EACH CARRYING A RAM'S HORN."

JOSHUA 6:1-5

“ON THE SEVENTH DAY YOU ARE TO MARCH AROUND THE TOWN SEVEN TIMES, WITH THE PRIESTS BLOWING THE HORNS. WHEN YOU HEAR THE PRIESTS GIVE ONE LONG BLAST ON THE RAMS’ HORNS, HAVE ALL THE PEOPLE SHOUT AS LOUD AS THEY CAN. THEN THE WALLS OF THE TOWN WILL COLLAPSE, AND THE PEOPLE CAN CHARGE STRAIGHT INTO THE TOWN.”

JOSHUA 6:1-5

IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE PROMISED LAND,
YOU HAVE TO TAKE IT.

IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE PROMISED LAND,
YOU ARE INVITING GOD TO ASSIGN YOU WORK.

HOPE IS **NOT** WISHFUL THINKING.

ONE DAY WHILE JESUS WAS TEACHING... AND THE LORD'S HEALING POWER WAS STRONGLY WITH JESUS. SOME MEN CAME CARRYING A PARALYZED MAN ON A SLEEPING MAT. THEY TRIED TO TAKE HIM INSIDE TO JESUS, BUT THEY COULDN'T REACH HIM BECAUSE OF THE CROWD.

LUKE 5:17-24

SO THEY WENT UP TO THE ROOF AND TOOK OFF SOME
TILES. THEN THEY LOWERED THE SICK MAN ON HIS MAT
DOWN INTO THE CROWD, RIGHT IN FRONT OF JESUS.
SEEING THEIR FAITH, JESUS SAID TO THE MAN, “YOUNG
MAN, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN... STAND UP, PICK UP
YOUR MAT, AND GO HOME!”

LUKE 5:17-24

HOPE IS **NOT** JUST “THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.”

SUPPOSE YOU SEE A BROTHER OR SISTER WHO HAS NO FOOD OR CLOTHING, AND YOU SAY, “GOOD-BYE AND HAVE A GOOD DAY; STAY WARM AND EAT WELL”—BUT THEN YOU DON’T GIVE THAT PERSON ANY FOOD OR CLOTHING. WHAT GOOD DOES THAT DO? SO YOU SEE, FAITH BY ITSELF ISN’T ENOUGH. UNLESS IT PRODUCES GOOD DEEDS, IT IS DEAD AND USELESS.

JAMES 2:15-17

**GOD DIDN'T CREATE THE CHURCH
TO WAIT FOR A MIRACLE.**

**HE CREATED THE CHURCH
TO BE THE MIRACLE!**

LIVING HOPE – A BELIEF ABOUT THE FUTURE THAT
WILL CHANGE THE WAY YOU LIVE IN THE PRESENT.

WHEN OUR DYING BODIES HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO BODIES THAT WILL NEVER DIE, THIS SCRIPTURE WILL BE FULFILLED: “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY. O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?” FOR SIN IS THE STING THAT RESULTS IN DEATH, AND THE LAW GIVES SIN ITS POWER. BUT THANK GOD! HE GIVES US VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-58

SO, MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, **BE** STRONG
AND IMMOVABLE. ALWAYS **WORK** ENTHUSIASTICALLY
FOR THE LORD, FOR YOU **KNOW** THAT NOTHING YOU DO
FOR THE LORD IS EVER USELESS.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-58

SPARKS AND SUSTAINS HOPE.

- KNOWLEDGE
- SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY
- FINDING PURPOSE IN PAIN
- REMEMBERING
- BEING THERE
- HEAVEN

I HEARD A LOUD SHOUT FROM THE THRONE, SAYING,
“LOOK, GOD’S HOME IS NOW AMONG HIS PEOPLE!
HE WILL LIVE WITH THEM, AND THEY WILL BE
HIS PEOPLE. GOD HIMSELF WILL BE WITH THEM.
HE WILL WIPE EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES,
AND THERE WILL BE NO MORE DEATH OR SORROW
OR CRYING OR PAIN. ALL THESE THINGS
ARE GONE FOREVER.”

REVELATION 21:3-4