

Getting Ready for the Future

Living With Hope

I. Introduction

- A. Jeremiah 29:11 (NAS) *'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'*
1. A person of hope sees that the glass is firmly held in the _____ of _____.
- B. "Hope" is when I realize that _____ is in _____!

II. What Happens if I Have Hope?

- A. If I have hope, I can get _____.
1. Isaiah 40:31 (NIV) *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.*
- B. If I have hope, I can live with _____.
- C. If I have hope, I have the strength to _____.
- D. If I have hope, I can say "No" to the _____ in my life.
1. Hope is the foundation for genuine _____ in our lives!
 2. Romans 5:3-5 (NAS) *³And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; ⁵and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

III. God's Process for Developing Hope in Us

- A. I have to have some sort of a _____.
1. Problems are _____.
 2. Problems are _____.
 3. Problems are used by God to _____.

- B. Practice _____ and _____ with that problem!
1. We try to _____ from our problems.
 2. We try to _____ from our problems.
 3. We try to _____ for our problems.
 4. Romans 8:24-25 (NAS) *²⁴For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.*
 5. Romans 15:4b (NLT) *The Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.*
 6. Trust is always built on the _____!
- C. I have to develop _____.
1. James 1:2-4 (NAS) *²Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*
 2. _____ emerges out of the _____!
 3. I Timothy 6:17 (NAS) *Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.*
- D. We are to _____ hope.
1. I Peter 1:3 (NAS) *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*
 2. You don't have to _____ for hope to begin!
 3. Isaiah 49:23d (NLT) *"Those who trust in me will never be put to shame."*

IV. Conclusion