

CL Talks I Hope Is Alive Part Two

Pastor Al Brice I Episode 60

I. Spiritual hope vs Natural hope.

A. Natural hope is just wishing but it has no substance or foundation to stand firmly upon during tough times. But Biblical hope has a substance and firm foundation to stand upon.
Psalm 40:2-4.

B. Biblical hope, hope in God is concrete, has confidence, assurance, a guarantee that we can live in everyday. God is the author and originator of hope, the source of all hope, not the one who needs hope, He is our hope!!!

Hebrews 11:1...Faith gives substance to hope!!!

The evidence of things not seen means that I'm persuaded that what God has said and promised, He will do!! This is not an outcome of my imagination or positive thinking but a fact based upon absolute truth!!! **Psalm 33:18-22**

C. The story of someone who had become hopeless and suicidal.

1 Kings 17:8-16....this widow was desolate, empty, poverty-stricken, struggling to make it, hoping for a change but in the natural realm it was hopeless, then God sent someone into her situation with a word from God, hope was rekindled and faith gave her the ability to trust that word. God is the Creator, He is good, and He is a miracle working God!!! She gave before seeing the barrel full!!! She gave up the certain for the uncertain, she gave up the seen for the unseen, she gave up the little bit for a whole lot!!!! **Jeremiah 17:7-8.** She became a prisoner of hope!!!

Zechariah 9:12 Amplified...Return to the stronghold [of security and prosperity], you prisoners of hope; even today do I declare that I will restore double your former prosperity to you.

Pastor Al, I've been hoping but nothing has changed yet, what do I do?

Psalm 71:14 This is what Jesus is all about, we were all in the this world without God and hope but God sent Jesus to die for us!!!

Ephesians 2:12-13; 1-10; Romans 5:1-5

Jesus was victorious, for all of us, over sin, the world of tribulations, and the devil!!!! Don't give up your hope or you end up with nothing!!!! Maybe you've made some mistakes and you're trying to make a deal with God because you don't think you have anymore than what you have right now!! Abraham tried to convince God to accept Ishmael instead of waiting for Isaac!!!

Genesis 17:15-19 (NKJV) 15 Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her." 17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" 18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!" 19 Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him.