



October 3rd, 2021— “Hope works“

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Hebrews 4:2

✦ Biblical hope is the confident expectation of what God has promised and its strength is in His faithfulness.

Isaiah 40:31

Hope works when:

1. We pray in faith.

✦ Faith is important in our life because it allows us to hope in God and pray with confidence.

✦ When we do not know what God has promised us, then we cannot be confident in what God's will is for us.

Hebrews 11:1 is the Biblical definition of faith.

✦ Biblical faith is not based on evidence of things that are visible, but on divine assurance.

✦ Biblical faith involves a solid conviction in the God-given present assurance of a future reality.

Hope works when:

2. We pray according to God's will.

✦ Biblical hope is not based upon circumstantial outcomes, but the simple fact that God is.

✦ Just because some have not experienced God's will does not diminish His eternal will.

3. We have surrendered our life to God.

Matthew 26:39, 1 Samuel 1:11

✦ The most common Greek word translated for “prayer” in the New Testament is the word proseuche.

Proseuche: *Complete surrender, with intimate relationship, through a desire, wish or prayer, with thanksgiving.*

4. We cast our cares on God. **Matthew 11:28-30,**
1 Peter 5:6-7

“Grace creates faith, and not only when faith begins, but grace creates faith instant by instant, moment by moment.”
~St Thomas

PROSEUCHE

“Come face to face with God and surrender your life in exchange for His. Maintain an attitude of consecration as an ongoing part of your life and be sure to give Him thanks in advance for moving on your behalf.”

**all verses are from the NKJV unless otherwise noted.*