

DAY 30

Psalm 34:4-5

“I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.” Psalm 34:4-5

As we conclude our “30 days of hope” I am reminded of the words of this Psalm. We have learned that biblical hope is a confident expectation in God. Over the last 30 days we have seen many wonderful promises of Scripture that remind us why we can confidently trust in Him. The difference between whether these 30 days were a time when you absorbed a lot of information about hope or whether they were the beginning of experiencing a lifetime of hope comes down to what this verse says the Psalmist did. “I sought the LORD.” Matthew 6:33 says, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

There is a direct correlation between what we seek and hope. Only hope placed in Jesus Christ will not disappoint, so if we are seeking anything other than Him we will find disappointment. The Psalmist said seeking the Lord brought deliverance from fear and shame.

Matthew said that in seeking the Lord we would have all we need. It is so easy to get it backwards. We spend so much of our time and energy seeking things that we think we need, when Scripture teaches us that if we will seek the Lord, He will give us the things we need in this life. As you conclude this 30 day devotional, decide now to keep going. Continue seeking the Lord because it is the key to a lifetime of hope. Seek the Lord through the pages of Scripture each day. Seek the Lord by doing life with other followers of Jesus. Seek the Lord by calling out to Him in prayer. We cannot have a confident expectation in God if we aren't increasing our understanding of who He is. He is the author of hope who created you, who sent His Son to shed His blood to pay the price for your sin, who was buried and rose from the grave to defeat death, who placed His Holy Spirit in you as the seal of the promise He made to never leave you or forsake you, who breathed the pages of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16) so that you could know the one true Holy God and place your hope in Him alone! As you walk through life continue seeking Him each day and watch as He fills you with hope that will NEVER disappoint!

How can you apply this passage to your life? Write your reflections in the space below.

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