

The Land of Faith Paradise Paradox Island Mark 9:23





Land of Faith-Amenities

Forgiveness Eternal Life

Personal Helper

- You will have hope
- You will have great gain
- You will be exalted
- You will have rest
- You will gain strength
- You will have Life
- You will be great

From Paradise to Paradox

Paradox - a seemingly absurd or self-contradictory statement or proposition that when investigated or explained may prove to be well founded or true.

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- You will have hope from suffering (Romans 5: 3-5)
- You will have great gain by giving (Luke 6:38)
- You will be exalted when humbled (Matt. 23:12)
- You will have rest under a yoke (Matt. 11:29–30)
- You will gain strength when you are weak
 (2 Corinthians 12:9,10)
- You will have Life by dying (Galatians 2:20)
- You will be great by serving (Mark 10:42-45)

You Will Have Hope

Romans 5:3-5 (NASB)

³ And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and 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.

It's About Relationship

Relationship Beginning

Feelings Drive Action

Mature Relationship

Actions Drive Feelings



Land of Faith

Obedience (action) unlocks the Amenities (blessings/feelings)



You can't rely on your feelings to compel you to obedience

Some say believe in Christ and live on Paradise Island for the rest of your life. That is not the gospel of the bible. The bible says believe in Christ and live on Paradox Island for the rest of your life where you will learn that the Lord demands everything from you for He can't pour His kingdom into you until your kingdom is emptied out.



It has been my experience that when God takes away He replaces with something much greater