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**Hebrews 6:14-20 NLT**

## **Biblical HOPE is Confident Expectation based upon the Foundation of Jesus Christ**

1. Biblical Hope is NOT wishful thinking
  2. Biblical Hope is the Assurance that God's Promises are made available to those who have a covenant relationship with Him
  3. God bound Himself with an oath
  4. He cannot lie
  5. Therefore, this HOPE we have is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our soul
  6. Biblical Hope is:
    - a. Confident Expectation
    - b. Built on the Foundation of the Word
    - c. Looks into the Future
    - d. Is an anchor for the Soul
    - e. Allows our Faith to grab hold and SEE the SUBSTANCE -
- Hebrews 11:1

## What Happens when HOPE is Gone?

1. Most everyone will reach a point in their life journey in which it appears HOPE is gone - HOPE is dead - It is IMPOSSIBLE
  - a. The Dream is no longer possible
  - b. The Divorce papers have already been delivered
  - c. The Bank has foreclosed
  - d. Time has gotten away from you
2. You knew that you knew that you knew that you had a Word from God and you placed your HOPE in that Word
  - a. But it's too late
  - b. It's Physically Impossible
  - c. The Hope is Gone
  - d. The Hope is Dead
3. The Word of God is full of stories of Lost or Dead Hope
4. God's timing is not our timing
5. His ways are not your ways - Isaiah 55:8 NKJV & NLT
6. HOPE is NEVER DEAD - HOPE is NEVER GONE!

## Sarah's HOPE

1. Genesis 12
  - a. God makes a Promise to Abram and to Sarai (Abram was 75, Sarai 65)
  - b. They leave their country and head to a land God would "Show them"
2. Genesis 16
  - a. They are in Canann
  - b. No Child - She's now 75 years old
  - c. Sarai is Barren - Her womb is dead - HOPE is Gone
  - d. Sarai tries to "help" God out
  - e. Have you ever tried to help God bring the Promise to fruition?
  - f. Sarai placed her Hope in her handmaid - not God's Word

**IT IS HARD TO WAIT ON GOD!**
3. Genesis 17
  - a. God appears to Abram and makes a covenant with him
  - b. Abram would become Abraham and Sarai would become Sarah
  - c. Abraham is 99 and Sarah is 89

- d. God told Abraham he would have a son with Sarah - Abraham laughed
- 4. Genesis 18
  - a. Once again the word to Sarah is "Next Year" - but Sarah laughed
  - b. HOPE was gone - They are both too old for child bearing
  - c. It is physically impossible
- 5. HOPE is NEVER Gone - HOPE is NEVER Dead
- 6. God specializes in the impossible - He shines when HOPE appears DEAD

## **Martha's HOPE**

- 1. JOHN 11:1-44
- 2. Lazarus is sick - His sister Mary sends word to Jesus
- 3. Jesus spent two more days in the place where He was at - He didn't immediately go to Lazarus
- 4. John 11:21, Martha's HOPE is Gone - Her HOPE was in Jesus getting to Lazarus before He died
- 5. John 11:39 - He's been dead four days - HOPE is DEAD
- 6. HOPE is NEVER Gone - HOPE is NEVER Dead
- 7. The raising of Lazarus from the dead set up the triumphant entry into Jerusalem - God has a plan - Don't mess the plan up - Don't give up HOPE!