High Hopes Session 6 – Hope, the Blueprint of Faith

I. Introduction/review

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Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV) – For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

<u>Jeremiah 29:11 (GWT)</u> – I know the plans that I have for you, declares the LORD. They are plans for peace and not disaster, plans to give you a future filled with hope

- A. Review
 - 1. Previous Sessions
 - a. Get your hopes up.
 - b. What has your attention?
 - c. Against the Wind.
 - d. Be the Light of Hope.

2. Intro to Session 5.

- a. <u>Psalm 119:114 (NKJV)</u> You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.
- b. There are different sources of hope.
- c. **All hope must have a foundation.** *Why can I hope for what I am hoping for?*
- d. As Christians, our hope must have a foundation. The foundation of our hope is the Word of God

II. Hope in The Word

- A. My personal Testimony of discovering the treasure of the Word of God.
 - 1. There are treasures in the word of God.
 - 2. I discovered how to find understanding in the Word.

- 3. I discovered how the Word changed my prayer life.
- 4. I discovered how to speak the word of God.
- 5. I discovered that my faith worked according to the Word.
- 6. Until recently, I did not understand the role of the Word regarding hope.
 - a. I knew that the Word increased my hope.
 - b. While I had spent much time encouraging people to build/develop faith by the Word of God, I didn't understand that HOPE needs to be built in the same manner.
 - c. Faith is built upon the Word.
 - d. Hope is built upon the Word.
 - e. The outcome is powerful. But you can't have faith without hope. Hope will not work without faith.

B. The Faith and Hope Connection

You are going to have to develop in both of hope and faith to receive from the Lord.

- 1. <u>Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)</u> Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
 - a. I have faith for the things I am hoping for.
 - b. Hope is the goal of my faith.
 - c. Hope is the BLUEPRINT for my faith.

2. The Blueprint Illustration.

- a. The blueprint is the dream.
- b. The goal.
- c. The unfinished picture.
- d. The image on the inside.
- e. Hope is the blueprint.
- f. Faith is the builder.
- g. You must have both!

- 3. <u>Romans 10:17 (KJV)</u> So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
 - a. Faith is based upon the Word of God
 - b. I can have faith for what the Word of God says is mine.
 - c. My faith is founded upon the Word. My hope is founded upon the Word.
 - d. It is easy to have faith for what I am hoping for if the Word says I can hope for it.
 - e. When I read the promises in the Word, I am not just encouraging myself, I am actually GETTING HOPE – THE BLUEPRINT FOR MY FAITH – so my faith can go to work to bring me what I am hoping for.
 - f. Hope needs to be built first.
 You don't need faith until you first have hope.
 Faith will do you no good, if you have not hope as a goal.
 - g. There are many right now, who need to focus on building getting their hope back. *Go get your blueprints!*
- III. Understanding Real Hope

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- A. Hope Common definition relating to how "HOPE" is defined by common use.
 - 1. A desire with anticipation: to want something to happen.
 - 2. To feel that something desired may happen.
 - 3. To want something specific to happen
- **B.** Merriam Webster's definition makes hope seem close to WISH.
- C. BIBLE HOPE
 - 1. Wikipedia Hope" in the Holy Bible means "a strong and confident expectation.
 - a. Confident expectation of what God has promised.

- b. The strength of Bible hope is the FAITHFULNESS of God to His Word.
- c. A forward look with assurance.
- d. To look expectantly or with expectation for something because our hope is established upon the word of God that is securely.

2. What Bible Hope does for me.

- a. Real Hope is a voice of enthusiasm for my life in the midst of any difficult situation.
- b. That voice is the WORD OF GOD/ THE PROMISES OF GOD/ that produce enthusiasm and expectation for God's provision in the midst of turmoil.
- 3. This is the hope that will carry you through every trial.
- 4. That HOPE is the blueprint for faith to work for you.
- 5. The only way to have this hope is to spend time allowing the Word of God/ to be the VOICE that directs your life.
 - a. Many voices These voices can produce the wrong blueprints for life.
 - b. Fear has a voice.
 - c. Worry has a voice.
 - d. Sickness has a voice.
 - e. Anxiety has a voice.
 - f. Depression has a voice.
 - g. Hope has a voice.
 - h. GOD HAS A VOICE/His Word.

IV. Closing Thoughts

A. <u>Palms 119:81 (NKJV)</u> – My soul faints for Your salvation, But I hope in Your word.

<u>Palms 119:81 (CEV)</u> – I long for you to rescue me! Your word is my only hope.

Palms 119:81 (ISV) – I long for your deliverance; I have looked to your word, placing my hope in it.

B. Peace.

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- 1. Is your mind full of trouble or Peace?
- 2. Is your ear full of trouble?
- 3. Reading the 23rd Psalm aloud before bedtime.
- **C.** Challenge Read/Meditate in the Promises of Hope Change your thoughts from hopelessness to Hope. Change the channel – voices of despair/voices of Hope.
 - 1. Go to the Word and Change your perception.
 - 2. Go to the Word and Change your focus.
 - 3. Go to the Word and get a different image for life.
 - 4. Download a different program.
 - 5. Download God's Blueprint of Hope so your faith can go to work.