
Decision #7—_____

Decide to patiently endure circumstances He has ordained, and wait with hope in Him!

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
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When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.



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Wait for Him, Hope in Him

What to do when you can't do anything else...

Text: Lamentations 3

Lamentations 3:26 "26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD."

Introduction:

1. The Promise of _____

Hebrews 6:10-19 "10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. 13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, 14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. 17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: 18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: 19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;”

Hebrews 10:35, 36 “35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.”

“Great recompense of reward!”

2. The Promise of _____

2 Corinthians 12:8, 9 “8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

God is not just present—He is especially present in suffering!

Psalms 34:18 “18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.”

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Psalms 38:15 “15 For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.”

Psalms 71:5 “5 For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth.”

Hope—_____

Conclusion:

Quote: But if our identity is anchored in Christ, so that we are able to say, “Everything I need I already possess in Him,” then suffering will drive us deeper into our source of joy. When theologians talk about God “imputing” His righteousness to us through the death and resurrection of Christ, this is what they mean: that our identity, and therefore our freedom, is not a matter of Why or How but Who. Our ultimate standing has been secured—from the outside—and nothing we may do or say can shake the foundations that were built two thousand years ago. We are freed to revel in our expendability! Indeed, the gospel alone provides us with the foundation to maintain radical joy in remarkable loss. (Tchividjian)

1 Timothy 1:1 “1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;”

2 Thessalonians 2:16 “16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,”

Quote: “Amid our glorious ruin, Jesus is strong, so we’re free to be weak; Jesus won, so we’re free to lose; Jesus was a somebody, so we can be a nobody; Jesus was extraordinary, so we are free to be ordinary; and Jesus succeeded for us, so we are free to fail!

“Rather than run from the inevitability of life’s tragedies, we are invited to face them, head-on, with hope. We can even begin to call things what they are—rather than what we wish them to be. A theology of the cross might seem brutal and ugly to those coasting through life. But to the compulsive, hurting, sin-sick sufferer, the cross is a beacon of hope and rest like no other. Scratch that—the man hanging on the cross is a beacon of hope and rest like no other.” (Tchividjian)366