

HOPE RISES US UP!

Hope Is All We Need, Part 1

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Hope is not optimism.

Optimism is psychological; optimism is personal trust in you, and optimism is often a denial of reality. Optimism is what you think you can do. It's positive thinking, not permanent trust.

Hope is theological; hope is personal trust in God. Hope is what you think God can do.

- Miracles are to **build** my **faith** which increases my **hope**.

1 Kings 17:1 - Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

I. Kerith: the ravine of _____.

1 Kings 17:2-7 - Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: ³ "Leave here, turn eastward and **hide in the Kerith Ravine**, east of the Jordan. ⁴ You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there." ⁵ **So he did what the Lord had told him.** He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. ⁷ Some time later the Brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land.

- Kerith means: Cut off or cut down.

- There is so much more that God needs to do _____ him, because there is so much more God wants to do _____ him.
- You don't know God is all you need until God is all you've got.

Three reasons God allows brooks to dry up:

1. To keep you from _____ on the brook.
2. To _____ you to a better place.
3. To _____. He has not forgotten about you.

II. Journey north: the road of _____.

1 Kings 17:8-10 - Then the word of the Lord came to him: ⁹ "**Go at once** to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food." ¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath.

What to remember:

1. The path to a miracle is always through _____ territory.
2. The source of a miracle is always _____.

Isaiah 55:8-9 - "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

3. The pattern for a miracle is: ___ommand-___romise-___isk

Lessons to take home:

1. God is all you need.
2. God will provide where He guides.
3. God wants me to trust Him every day.
4. God's promises are always connected to obedience.

Philippians 4:19 - And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.