

SERMON NOTES



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“God with us brings hope.”

I Corinthians 13:13 (KJV)

¹³ And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

3 Levels to Live by:

1. Level 1 – Faith

- Walk by faith!
- Overcome by faith!

2. Level 2 – Hope

- The second most powerful, spiritual force is Hope.
- You must have Hope to fulfill God's will for your life.
- A person without Hope always retreats to their past.
- A person without Hope for the future has no power in the present.
- For Faith to be activated, there must be a clear picture of Hope.

3. Level 3 – Love

What is Hope?

1. Confident Expectation -

- Expect life to become better.
- God meets us on the level of our expectation.
- Have confident expectation that something good is going to happen in your life.

2. Picture on the Inside of You (Your Spirit) -

- Picture of a promise coming to pass in your life.
- Ask: What am I picturing in my life today?
- Without a picture on the inside, it will not come to pass on the outside.
- See it before you receive it!
- Hope is a vision on the inside to see a promise coming to pass.
- Hoping comes before believing.

Genesis 13:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward.

- Hoping and seeing comes before believing to receiving.
- Bible Hope consists of memory and imagination.
- Memory is thinking of all the good things God has done in your life.
- Imagine God's promises daily.

3. Positive Imagination -

- Visualize on the inside God's promises coming to pass in your life.
- What God can do in your life today is what is in your imagination.
- God can only do in your life what you see.
- Meditation impacts imagination.

Genesis 15:5 (KJV)

⁵ And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

How to Build Hope:

1. Hope is built through your words.
2. Words paint a picture.
3. Take God's word and meditate on it daily until it drops in your heart.
4. Ask: What are you saying daily about yourself, your family, and your circumstances?

Hebrews 6:18 – 19 (KJV)

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 steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.

- Hope is an anchor.
- An anchor stabilizes.
- You know that you have Hope when you look at your circumstances that are different to what you are confessing and don't waiver.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is hope?
2. How do you build hope on the inside of you?

Resources:

If you would like to look at “**God With Us**” sermon series in more depth, Church On The Rock bookstore has excellent resources available.

