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Isaiah 49:23; Then you will know that I am the Lord; those who hope in Me will not be disappointed.

HOPE IN THE LORD

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Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we thank You, praise You, bless You, and love You Lord, for Your inspiring messages each month. Father, please keep us in Your Divine Light of hopefulness, through Your Son and our Savior Christ Jesus. Lord, when we are faced with darkness and hopelessness, may we boldly call upon Your Name Lord Jesus, for help. Father, please teach us how to be more hopeful and less hopeless. Lord may Your Divine Presence, help us to better understand Your Will for us. Father, may we all be hopeful and patience for the return of our Savior Jesus Christ. Lord, please fill up the hopeless, with Your hope of Eternal Salvation. So Father, teach us how to be hopeful, in a hopeless world. Father, I ask this prayer in the name of our King of Hope, Jesus Christ..... Amen!

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This month's inspired message has to do with finding hope in a hopeless world. What is hope? Hope is a feeling of expectation and a desire for a certain thing to happen. On the other hand, hopeless, is a feeling about something causing despair, desperation and a defeatist attitude. A kind of a feeling, that there is no place to turn. The reason why the suicide rate is so high in this country stems from hopelessness. The devil and his legend of demons, wants us to become hopeless, so he can finally finish us off! The good news is that, the devil's plan to exterminate all the souls of this world, has been aborted, by the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus! In **1 Peter 1:3** it is written; **Praised (honored, blessed) be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)! By His boundless mercy we have been born again to an everlasting-living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

Through Christ resurrection, we have been born again to an ever living hope. We should all remain hopeful regardless what trials and tribulations we may be going through at this time. We all tend to put our hope in ourselves, when things are running smooth in our life. But when things become chaotic, it's a different story. God reminds us through His Living Word, the Bible, that we have no control of nothing! Instead of putting our trust and hope in the Lord, we tend to put our hope in things like---wealth, power, health, medical treatments, etc,---but these things are totally insufficient to the Lord.

When storms break-out in our lives, there is only one adequate source of help, and that is in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Hope God supplies, is an anchor for our souls, firm and secure even in the most tempestuous waters. The Lord is constantly working to transform our lives. We need Christ continuously in us, to keep our hope alive. For without keeping God's Hope alive within us, there is no hope period. It's like trying to drive a car, without a steering wheel. Try that sometime! Jesus stands ready to help us at all times----during stormy episodes as well as times of smooth sailing.

The Lord is not only ever living, but also, more abundantly alive than we can possibly imagine. To know God, is to love God! It is impossible, to truly know the Lord on a personal level, and not love Him for all that He has done for us. One of the most popular scriptures in the Holy Bible about God's Love for us, can be found in **John 3:16** when God said; **For God so loved the world that He gave His One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.** Also in **John 16:27** it is written; **No, the Father Himself loves you because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God.**

Another great hopeful scripture can be found in **John 11:25**, when Jesus Comforts Mary and Martha after the death of their brother Lazarus.

Jesus said to her, **"I am the resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"** *Hopefulness* is to know the fact that

Jesus has the power over life and death as well as the power to forgive sins. Reason being, is that, He is the Creator of life. He who is Life can surely restore life. He who believes in Jesus has a spiritual life that death cannot conquer or diminish in any way. When we finally realize His Power and how wonderful His offer to us really is, how can we help but commit our lives to Him. To those of us who believe, what wonderful assurance and certainty we have. **"Because I live, you also shall live!"** (**John 14:19**)

Another hopeful scripture to meditate on can be found in **Romans 15:13**; **May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

The God of Hope is real, to all those who trust in Him, through His Holy Spirit's Indwelling. Once the Holy Spirit comes upon us through faith in our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus, is the beginning of God's Hope.

Once we have reached this part of our righteous journey, we must prepare our minds for action, and holiness. In **1 Peter 1:13** it is written; **Therefore; prepare your minds for action; be self controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given to you when Jesus Christ is revealed.**

These are just a few of the blessings that will manifest themselves, when we give our hearts fully to the Lord. When we finally come to the end of ourselves and ask God to forgive our sins, is when hope begins from within our hearts. After this life changing transition, is the best time to ask God to take over our sinful fallen nature, and replace it with His Holy Spirit.

After our spiritual conversion has been completed, at this point is when our spiritual walk with the Lord begins. So if you are fed up with a life full with hopelessness with no end in site, hope is only a whisper away. When I say that hope is only a whisper away, I mean just that. God is so close to all of us, and He, eagerly awaits for our complete surrender to Him!

Final thought: My brothers and sisters, always try to stay vigilant of Satan's deceptions. The most important deterrent to hope is the devils ongoing lies. These lies left unchecked, can and will weaken a man's hopeful spirit.

I know from my own struggles with my anxious mind, how hard it is to shut the negatives off. This happens if, I have drifted away from God's Holy Presence. Satan's plan against all believing Christians is designed to destroy all of God's people. There are 5 ways that the devil uses to lure and weaken us when we become spiritually vulnerable. Here are the 5 big D's to avoid.

- (1) **Doubt:** He makes you question God's Word and His goodness!
- (2) **Discouragement:** He makes you look at your problems rather than God!
- (3) **Diversion:** He makes the wrong things seem attractive so that you will want them more than the right things!
- (4) **Defeat:** He makes you look like a failure so that you don't even try!
- (5) **Delay:** He makes you put off doing something so they never get done!

Jesus said in **John 10:10**; [The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.](#)

HOPE

By Sarah Young

I AM TRAINING YOU TO HOLD IN YOUR HEART A DUEL FOCUS: MY CONTINUAL PRESENCE AND HOPE FOR HEAVEN. You will find no deeper comfort that I am with you always, both on earth and throughout eternity in heaven. You have known this great truth in your head for many years. However your heart is fickle and tends to chase after other gods. Only, as My Spirit, helps you to grasp the awesomeness of My Presence with you forever. I am indeed with you---watching over you wherever you are, wherever you go. Simply accept My Presence with you as reality: the deepest Reality. Build your life on this absolute truth, which is like building your house on a rock! (**Matthew 7:24**)

MORE HOPE

By Sarah Young

THOUGH DIFFICULTIES ABOUND IN THIS WORLD, REJOICE THAT I AM ALWAYS PRESENT WITH YOU. I can enable you with any and all circumstances, strengthening you as you look trustingly to Me. No matter how hopeless your situation may seem, I assure you that *all things are possible with Me*. I am the Truth, and therefore I am true to all My promises. They provide a rock solid foundation on which you *can live and move and have your being*. Since I am the living Word, affirming your trust in My promises is an excellent way to draw near Me. As you bask in the beauty of My Presence, you may find yourself wanting to praise Me. Do not restrain that holy impulse, instead, give it voice. While you are worshiping Me, new hope will grow within you!

Hope in Me, for you will again praise Me for the help of My Presence.



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From the Spiritual Connection to you and your family, may our Dear Lord of Love, Grace, and Mercy, Richly Bless You Always!!

