

HOPE FOR MY FUTURE

There is Hope – Part 2

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“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

Obstacles to a hopeful future:

- **Fear**
- **Despair**
- **Insecurity**
- **The Past**

TO HAVE HOPE FOR MY FUTURE...

1. I need to be Content with what God has already provided.

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

Philippians 4:11-12 (NIV)

...but I say it is better to be content with what little you have. Otherwise, you will always be struggling for more, and that is like chasing the wind.

Ecclesiastes 4:6 (NCV)

The fear of the Lord leads to life: Then one rests content, untouched by trouble...A relaxed attitude lengthens life; jealousy rots it away.

Proverbs 19:23; 14:30 (NIV)

2. I need to have Courage in God’s Strength.

Be strong and courageous, for you will lead my people to possess all the land I swore to give their ancestors. Be strong and very courageous. Obey all the laws Moses gave you. Do not turn away from them, and you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of the Law continually. Meditate on it day and night so you may be sure to obey all that is written in it. Only then will you succeed. I command you—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:6-9 (NLT)

F – False E – Evidence A – Appearing R – Real

“So be strong and take courage, all you who put your hope in the Lord!”

Psalms 31:24 (NLT)

So take courage! For I believe God, and it will be just as he said.

Acts 27:25 (NLT)

3. I Need to Have Confidence That God is on Control.

...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

Dear friends...We are confident that you are meant for better things, things that come with salvation.

Hebrews 6:9 (NLT)

So now, come back to your God! Act on the principles of love and justice, and always live in confident dependence on your God.

Hosea 12:6 (NLT)

...Anyone who trusts in him (Jesus) will never be disappointed.

1 Peter 2:6 (NCV)

Jesus said, “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; I would not tell you this if it were not true. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

John 14:1-2 (NCV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a beautiful bride prepared for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, the home of God is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will remove all of their sorrows, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. For the old world and its evils are gone forever...it was filled with the glory of God and sparkled like a precious gem, crystal clear like jasper...No temple could be seen in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light...only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life were there.

Revelation 21... (NLT)