

ALL IN TO BUILD FOR OUR FUTURE

“The God of heaven Himself will prosper us: therefore we His servants will arise and build...So we built...for the people had a mind to work. A good person leaves an inheritance for their children’s children...” **Nehemiah 2:20; 4:6; Proverbs 13:22**
(NKJV)



This Week’s Thought – December 10, 2017

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.” **Hebrews 10:23** (NIV)

Those who profess to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior possess hope. Hard times try to hinder hope’s comforting company, but it is unhindered where faith in God is the focus. Those who hold on to hope are joyful. Where faith peers, hope makes clear. Where there is a wall, hope finds a door. Where there is darkness, hope looks for a light. Hope expects Christ to come through.

What is hope? It is confidence in Jesus Christ, period. It is confident that He is faithful. Faithful to follow through with His promise to provide us peace in the middle of our turmoil. Faithful to answer our prayers in His most productive process. Faithful to give our children what they need as long as they look to Him. Faithful to facilitate financial resources when we steward well what we already have. He is faithful by His restorative grace to heal relationships severed by sin. Hope bursts forth in possibilities when we embrace the promises fulfilled by the Lord’s faithfulness.

"You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety."
(Job 11:18)

Since your security is in your Savior Jesus who has conquered sin, sorrow and death, hope is your wise weapon. Your Heavenly Father holds you in the palm of His hand, therefore nothing can reach you without your Divine Protector’s permission. The Holy Spirit is your guide, thus you have a trusted leader who directs your path. *“Your hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.”* Your two-handed grasp of God includes His double fisted hold on you!

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When hope is deferred, avoid rejecting God and giving up. Wait on the Lord and hope in Him. He helps you when you feel helpless. He empowers you when you feel powerless. He encourages you when you feel discouraged. He gives joy when you feel joyless. Hope never disappoints. It gives life and a reason to live. If you let go of hope, your gracious Lord doesn’t let go of you. *“Therefore...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”* (1 Corinthians 15:58)

"We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield." (Psalm 33:20)

Application: What decision am I facing where I need to slow down and seek my Savior’s heart?

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: *“Dear God, I pray today **“Peace Be Still.”** Lord God, help me to still any inner turmoil in my mind and body. Give me strength and wisdom to face every event with inner peace and comfort. Help me to recall moment-to-moment that I am not alone and that You are with me as my help in every need. I am comforted in the thought today Oh God, that nothing can ever separate us. I know that with You, I will meet every challenge triumphantly and live my life victoriously. I am ever-comforted by Your sweet love. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”*

“And then God answered: "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King