

Scripture

II Corinthians 1:8-11

Look for our event!



A photograph of a garden with numerous pink tulips in the foreground. In the background, there is a large, textured stone wall. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day. The tulips are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others still budding. The stone wall is made of large, irregular blocks of light-colored stone.

Hope

“Character Counts” - Week Fourteen

4/18/2021

Romans 15:13 -

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

I. Life is Often Painful - Vs. 8-9

II. In Our Pain Our Hope is in God - Vs. 10

Hope - A strong, unwavering expectation of good that will be obtained, though all circumstances shout the opposite, which raises us above our circumstances.

A. We Hope in Who God Is

II. In Our Pain Our Hope is in God - Vs. 10

B. We Hope in What God Does

I Corinthians 15:3-5 -

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

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C. We Hope in What God Will Do

Ephesians 3:20 -

God is able to do far more abundantly than anything we can ask or think, according to the power- the resurrection power- at work within us!

III. God Uses Means to Birth Hope

**A. Hope Springs from a Community
in Prayer - Vs.11**

**B. Hope is Sustained by the Scriptures
- Romans 15:4**

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For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

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Romans 4:18 -

In hope against hope he believed, in order that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, “So shall your descendants be.”

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Eph. 6:14 -

Stand, therefore, having girded your minds with truth.

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“You have to take yourself in hand, you have to address yourself, preach to yourself, question yourself. You must say to your soul: ‘Why are you cast down?’...And say to yourself, ‘Hope in God’ instead of muttering in this depressed, unhappy way. And then you must remind yourself of God, Who God is, and what God is and what God has done and what God has pledged Himself to do.”

~Martyn Lloyd-Jones

“You must be resolute, bid yourself defiance, and say to yourself wrathfully, ‘No matter how unwilling you are to live, you are going to live and like it!...Grit your teeth in the face of your thoughts, and for God’s sake be more obstinate, headstrong, and willful than the most stubborn peasant.’”

~Martin Luther