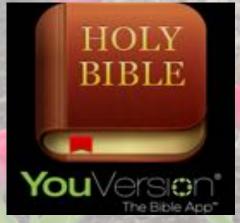
Scripture

II Corinthians 1:8-11

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Hope "Character Counts" - Week Fourteen

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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.

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

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

Eph. 6:14 -Stand, therefore, having girded your minds with truth.

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

B. Hope is Sustained by the Scriptures
- Romans 15:4
C. Hope is a Matter of the Mind - Vs. 10

"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