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INTRODUCTION

Hope is a gift. It is one of the greatest gifts God gives. It is not something we have to earn or deserve. And because He gives hope as a gift, we can expect to receive it anytime we need it. As we look at what is going on in the world today, there has never been a better opportunity and greater need for hope than now. We need it more than ever. And the good news is God has it in ample supply! All we need to do is receive it! Breathe it in as you read and declare these 30 great promises of HOPE!

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Day 1 HOPE IS A GIFT

Scripture:

Does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ.

Jeremiah 29:11 (WEB)

Declaration of Hope:

I receive the gift of hope from God. I don't have to earn it or deserve it. It is a gift, and I walk in it today.

YOUR HOPE WILL NOT BE CUT OFF

Key Scripture:

Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off.

Proverbs 24:14

Declaration of Hope:

My hope will never be cut off because I have the wisdom of God. I receive wisdom by faith according to James 1:5, and I receive God's unending hope!

GOD IS WATCHING OVER HIS WORD

Key Scripture:

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

Proverbs 13:12

Declaration of Hope:

My desires come from the promises of God and He is watching over His Word to perform it. Therefore, my desires are fulfilled and my hopes will not be deferred, in Jesus' Name!

PUT YOUR HOPE IN GOD

Key Scripture:

Why are you cast down, O my inner self? And why should you moan over me and be disquieted within me? Hope in God and wait expectantly for Him, for I shall yet praise Him, my Help and my God.

Psalm 42:5 (AMP)

Declaration of Hope:

I will no longer be discouraged. I will no longer be downcast, because I put my hope in God. I cease putting my hope in other people's promises. I put my hope and expectation in God and His promises.

Day 5 HOPE IN HIS STEADFAST LOVE

Key Scripture:

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love.

Psalm 33:18 (ESV)

Declaration of Hope:

My hope is in God's steadfast love. His eye is always on me, and I expect His favor today!

PRAISE GOD FOR CONTINUAL HOPE

Key Scripture:

But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

Psalms 71:14

Declaration of Hope:

I have continual hope. God has given me the gift of hope, and I praise Him continually for it.

Day 7 RECEIVE RENEWED HOPE & CHEER

Key Scripture:

When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer.

Psalm 94:19 (NLT)

Declaration of Hope:

I have new hope every day, because of the comfort of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God!

I AM AS IMMOVABLE AS A MOUNTAIN

Key Scripture:

Those who trust in, lean on, and confidently hope in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides and stands fast forever.

Psalm 125:1

Declaration of Hope:

I hope in the Lord and am as immovable as a mountain. I abide. I stand fast, because I trust in and confidently hope in God.

Day 9 I RECEIVE NEW STRENGTH

Key Scripture:

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)

Declaration of Hope:

I wait on the Lord, which means I hope in the Lord, and I receive new strength. Because I hope in the Lord, I will not be weary and I will not faint. I rise up like the eagles!

Day 10 GOD'S LOVE IS UNFAILING

Key Scripture:

The unfailing love of the LORD never ends! By his mercies we have been kept from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day. I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"

Lamentations 3:22-24 (NASB)

Declaration of Hope:

God's love is unfailing and unceasing toward me, therefore I have hope. His mercy never comes to an end, therefore I have hope! The Lord is my inheritance, therefore I have hope!

Day 11 REJOICE IN HOPE

Key Scripture:

Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in HOPE of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces HOPE, and HOPE does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:2-5 (ESV)

Declaration of Hope:

I rejoice in the hope that God's glory will manifest in my life. And my continued endurance is producing hope today. I have this hope, that I will not be disappointed or put to shame, because the Love of God has been poured into my heart.

PUT YOUR HOPE IN GOD'S PROMISES

Key Scripture:

For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we HOPE for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:24-25 (ESV)

Declaration of Hope:

I put my hope in the promises of God; and EVEN when I don't see what I'm hoping for yet, I will wait for it, with patience, endurance, and expectation, in Jesus' Name.

THINGS ARE TURNING FOR MY GOOD

Key Scripture:

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

Declaration of Hope:

I look to God today to cause all things to work together for my good. I love Him because He first loved me. He chose me and called me to His purpose, therefore, things are turning for my good today!

Day 14 THE SCRIPTURES GIVE US HOPE

Key Scripture:

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Romans 15:4 (ESV)

Declaration of Hope:

I walk in divine encouragement today. My encouragement comes from the Scriptures filled with the promises of God, therefore I have hope, in Jesus' Name!

THE GOD OF HOPE FILLS YOU

Key Scripture:

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.

Romans 15:13 (ESV)

Declaration of Hope:

My God is the God of hope. He fills me with hope. He fills me with joy. He fills me with peace. I am ever increasing in hope, because of the power of the Holy Spirit within me.

Day 16 WE DO NOT LOSE HEART

Key Scripture:

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV)

Declaration of Hope:

I do not lose heart. I am being renewed day by day. The momentary troubles of my life, are bringing about a greater glory. Whatever doesn't line up with God's Word in my life is changing, in Jesus' Name.

PUT YOUR HOPE IN HIS GRACE

Key Scripture:

Now to Him Who, by the action of His power that is at work within us, is able to carry out His purpose and do superabundantly, far over and above all that we dare ask or think infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams.

Ephesians 3:20 (AMP)

Declaration of Hope:

I believe in the God of hope who is able to do INFINITELY beyond my highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, and dreams! My hope is in His grace, His ability to abundantly exceed my wildest dreams, in Jesus' Name.

HOPE IS A HELMET OF PROTECTION

Key Scripture:

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

1 Thessalonians 5:8 (ESV)

Declaration of Hope:

Hope is a helmet of protection over my mind and my emotions. Because I am saved, I have divine hope, and nothing can take it from me, in Jesus' Name.

THE GIFT OF A WONDERFUL HOPE

Key Scripture:

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal comfort and a wonderful hope, comfort you and strengthen you in every good thing you do and say.

2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17 (NLT)

Declaration of Hope:

I receive the gift of a wonderful hope! By God's grace, I walk in hope and therefore I am comforted and strengthened to speak good and do good, in Jesus' Name!

WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN A LIVING HOPE

Key Scripture:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

Declaration of Hope:

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ I have a living hope. Every day, my hope is alive. I have anticipation and expectation of something great happening in my life, in Jesus' Name!

MY HOPE IS NOT IN MY STRENGTH

Key Scripture:

So brace up your minds; be sober (circumspect, morally alert); set your hope wholly and unchangeably on the grace (divine favor) that is coming to you when Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is revealed.

1 Peter 1:13

Declaration of Hope:

I set my hope completely on the grace of God. It is His unmerited divine favor by which I receive salvation and every gift God promises in His Word. My hope is not in my strength or holiness, but in His grace!

WE HAVE HOPE BEYOND THE GRAVE

Key Scripture:

Now also we would not have you ignorant, brethren, about those who fall asleep [in death], that you may not grieve [for them] as the rest do who have no hope [beyond the grave].

1 Thessalonians 4:13 (AMP)

Declaration of Hope:

I do not grieve like the world grieves, because I have hope beyond the grave. My hope is in the resurrection of Jesus and the eternal glory that awaits me, as a child of God!

HOLD FAST TO THE HOPE SET BEFORE US

Key Scripture:

So that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain.

Hebrews 6:18-19 (ESV)

Declaration of Hope:

My hope comes from the very presence of God, and fills my heart to the point that it is a steadfast anchor of my soul. I am immovable. I am a rock. I have divine hope!

Day 24 HE WHO PROMISED IS FAITHFUL

Key Scripture:

So let us seize and hold fast and retain without wavering the hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised is reliable (sure) and faithful to His word.

Hebrews 10:23 (AMP)

Declaration of Hope:

I will not waiver in my faith or hope, because He Who promised is faithful, reliable, and sure!

LIGHT HELPS YOU HAVE HOPE

Key Scripture:

By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones).

Ephesians 1:18 (AMP)

Declaration of Hope:

The eyes of my heart are enlightened and flooded with light, so I can fully know the hope to which I have been called. I am called by God to walk in His glorious inheritance in this life and the life to come!

HOPE COMES FROM GOD'S PROMISES

Key Scripture:

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1 (ESV)

Declaration of Hope:

My hope comes from the promises God has made in His Word. And that hope produces faith to bring those promises to pass.

WE HAVE HOPE THAT IS FADELESS

Key Scripture:

Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].

1 Corinthians 13:7 (AMP)

Declaration of Hope:

I thank God that the love of God is in me, therefore I have hope that is fadeless under all circumstances and I endure everything without weakening, in Jesus' Name!

OUR HOPE RESTS ON HIM

Key Scripture:

And everyone who has this hope [resting] on Him cleanses (purifies) himself just as He is pure (chaste, undefiled, guiltless)

1 John 3:3 (AMP)

Declaration of Hope:

My hope is firmly fixed and resting on Jesus Christ and Him alone. Not my righteousness, but His. Therefore I am cleansed, made whole, made holy and guiltless, in Jesus' Name.

SORROW AND PAIN ARE COMING TO AN END

Key Scripture:

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.

Revelation 21:4 (NLT)

Declaration of Hope:

I look forward to the day that is coming when every tear is wiped from my eyes. Sorrow and pain are coming to an end forever, swallowed up by Jesus' presence! Amen.

Day 30 WE CAN HOPE IN THE LORD

Key Scripture:

Hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is gracious love, along with abundant redemption.

Psalm 130:7

Declaration of Hope:

My hope and expectation is in the Lord. Because of His gracious love, I expect His unmerited favor to show up in my life. I expect His love to flood me with redemption—to turn things around in my favor; to restore all that has been lost in my life, and to bring supernatural abundance, in Jesus' Name.

PRAYER OF SALVATION

This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God—but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God.

1 John 4:10b (MSG)

Christianity is not a religion. It is a relationship between God and you.

God loves you deeply and wants a personal relationship with you! The *Love* of Jesus Christ will sweep away your sin, loneliness, pain, and fear. He wants you to spend eternity in Heaven with Him, and the rest of your life on this earth walking with Him. If you would like to begin a new life—beyond your wildest dreams and be born again—pray the following prayer, and believe in your heart that God answers!

"Heavenly Father, I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead. His blood washes away my past, my sins; and prepares me for eternity. I receive Your forgiveness and accept Jesus as my Savior and Lord. From this day forward, I am Yours, in Jesus' name. Amen!"

If you have prayed this prayer, we would love to hear from you. Please call us at 847-645-9700, or simply email us at prayer@changinglives.org.

Next Steps:

As a believer, I encourage you to step out in faith and live every day as if it were your first day living for God. I also encourage you to do the following three things:

- 1. Read your Bible. The Bible has the answer to every problem that you could ever face. As you read and study, know that you have the same promises that God gave Abraham, David and all of the great men and women in the Bible. You will find out exactly who you are and what you mean to Him. You will find out that He will never leave you or forsake you! You will be filled with strength and wisdom.
- 2. Get planted in church. By now you understand the power that comes from the church family. You don't need to go to church to get into heaven, but you DO need to become equipped to fulfill God's will for your life. In Luke 4:16, we find it was Jesus' custom to go to church every week. If the Son of God made it His custom, how much more should we?
- **3. Tell Somebody.** One of the most rewarding things I have ever found in my life is the opportunity to share with others

what God has done for me. You don't have to be a preacher. Just tell someone your simple story of God's love and plant the seed of the gospel in someone's life. You will be blessed, and so will they!

Well, what a journey you've just begun! And it is just that—a journey. Remember, the power of a new life is a process. It begins the moment you are born again, but it continues through our lives. We all face storms and trials, and we have an enemy—the devil, trying to stop our progress. But God has given us the tools and weapons to resist the enemy and be victorious in our journey. Build your life on these foundations and you will not fail!

And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

Matthew 7:25

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