

Sunday Morning | November 26, 2017

TRUSTING GOD IN DARK DAYS

HOPE FOR EVERY DARK DAY

ROMANS 15:13 (NLT) "I pray that God, THE SOURCE OF HOPE, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. THEN you will overflow with CONFIDENT HOPE..."

I. FAITH DOESN'T FIGURE.

TRUTH: Delayed answers create an inner struggle to wait on God (Proverbs 3:5-6, Genesis 12:1-7).

SERIES TRUTH: God's provision is on His timetable, not ours (Genesis 16:1-2 LB).

INSIGHT: Child of God, if your life can be explained by your intelligence, your ability, your work... where's God's glory? (Life testimony of James Cash Penny)

TRUTH: God institutes low points in our lives to end one way of living and begin a new way of trust.

INSIGHT: Hope is essential for life; we need hope to cope.

II. WHERE TO FIND HOPE (Ezekiel 48:35)

TWO SOURCES OF HOPE:

1. His eye is on you (Isaiah 41:10 NCV).

TRUTH: The faithfulness of God is the only life certainty.

TRUTH: God is with you, and He watches over you (Psalm 32:8).

INSIGHT: God with me means I don't have to figure life out; I just trust God who has my life figured out (Lamentations 3:21).

2. His purpose is working in me (Romans 8:28).

DEFINITION OF HOPE: "Hope is not the same as optimism. It is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but hope is the certainty that something makes sense regardless of how it turns out."

INVITATION: Isaiah 46:3-5 (NIV) "Listen! I have upheld you since you were conceived and I have taken care of you from birth. Even when you are old, I will be the same. Even when your hair has turned gray, I will take care of you. I made you and will take care of you. I will carry you and save you. No one is equal to Me or like Me!"