



Unpacking Hope

When Hope Hurts... Sarah

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How do we become conduits of Hope in our homes, on our jobs, in our branch of Zion (HOHM), in middle Georgia, and throughout the world?

HOPE

1. The longing or desire for something accompanied by the **belief** in the possibility of its occurrence.

The Story of Sarah

When God gives you a promise you must **believe** that God will be faithful to fulfill that promise.

Genesis 15:1-6

Hebrews 11:1

Numbers 23:19

Isaiah 55:11

Our lack of faith & trust in God can cause us to **request** that others not have faith & trust in God. How many people have you derailed from their course with God?

Genesis 16:1-2

Galatians 5:7-10

God doesn't need our assistance; God needs us to **trust** in Him. Sarah tried to HOPE in God and HELP God all at the same time. Things can be produced that aren't in God's **perfect** will, when we attempt to **rush** God's timing.

Genesis 16:3-4a

Ecclesiastes 3:1

What might appear to be a good idea through the **lens** of pressure and panic, may not be a God idea through the lens of peace & purpose. Don't make permanent decisions based on temporary discomfort.

Genesis 16:4b-5

Revelation 12:9

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When we make decisions that are outside of the will / parameters that God has given to us, we must own the **consequences** of those choices. Do not displace your **frustrations** on people, places, and things that are simply the fruit of your impatience.

Genesis 16:6

God's timing is not our timing. Even though your situation may seem **impossible**, God specializes in impossible situations. Why? Because God doesn't share His Glory!

Genesis 18:9-15

Luke 18:27

God has not forgotten what you are hoping for! Even though the **waiting** may be hurting, the hoping is producing behind the scenes.

Genesis 21:1-2

Isaiah 40:28-31

- You can want something so bad that you convince yourself that what 'you' WANT is 'God's' WILL
- We must know the difference between Human Ambitions Vs. Heavenly Assignments

Hope Hurting is called Longsuffering

- God created this characteristic of the Fruit of the Spirit with a specific purpose, and with it comes many **benefits**. Everything God puts you through, will ultimately bless you!

Galatians 5:22

Romans 8:28

- God does everything for a reason. Even your **waiting** time is for a reason. Waiting time is never wasted time.

2 Corinthians 4:15-18