



**“For I know the plans I have for you”, says the Lord,
“They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”
-Jeremiah 29:11**

I know what I’m doing.

I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you,
plans to give you the future you hope for. (MSG)

Along with faith and love, HOPE is listed as a virtue of the Christian life! 1 Cor 13:13

The biblical definition of hope is _____.

Hope is a firm assurance regarding things that are unclear and unknown! Rom 8:24-25, Heb 11:1

WE DESPERATELY NEED to not only FIND but also FOCUS ON the _____ of our HOPE!

INTIMACY – something of a personal or private nature; the state of being in a very personal or private relationship, and marked by emotional closeness.

FINDING the source of our HOPE means:

1. Living for an Audience of One

The antidote for the fear of people and circumstances is THE FEAR OF _____. Not the kind that makes you want to hide in a closet. A ‘holy fear’. An ‘AWE’ that ATTRACTS you TOWARD GOD.
Jer 2:19

2. Believing WITH CONFIDENCE that God has _____ in store for us!

Jer 29:10 and 11, Jer 30:7-11, 18-22, Jer 31:1-14, Jer 50:4-7
Get a new ‘perspective’.

3. There is ALWAYS a way back to _____ with GOD!

Since the first SIN in Genesis, God’s desire is always TO DRAW HIS CHILDREN BACK.

This is a pattern that looks something like this:

God knows our tendency to sin.

He gives us opportunity to repent.

He forgives us and restores us when we turn to Him.

(repeat ...)

Jer 15:18-21

4. Trusting in what has been _____ through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah!

*Grace means there is nothing I can do to make God love me more,
and nothing I can do to make God love me less.*

*It means that I, even I who deserve the opposite,
am invited to take my place at the table in God’s family. - Philip Yancey*



5. HAVING _____ to the riches of God's kingdom.

"They will be my people, and I will be their God". Jer 32:38
Romans 5:10-11

**When it seems all hope is lost, He is still our God!
Just like Jeremiah, we need to remember to hope!**

- ²¹ Yet I still dare to hope
when I remember this:
²² The faithful love of the LORD never ends!^[a]
His mercies never cease.
²³ Great is his faithfulness;
his mercies begin afresh each morning.
²⁴ I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance;
therefore, I will hope in him!"
²⁵ The LORD is good to those who depend on him,
to those who search for him.
²⁶ So it is good to wait quietly
for salvation from the LORD.
²⁷ And it is good for people to submit at an early age
to the yoke of his discipline:

Lamentations 3:21-27

-----Discussion-----

1. What can make it hard for you to trust God when circumstances are difficult, or when it feels like God isn't there?
2. How would you explain in one sentence, how someone can be made RIGHT with God?
3. Share a clear or main take-away for you hope from the book of Jeremiah.

***May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.***

Romans 15:13

