



THE DAILY

BIBLE STUDY FROM NEWPOINTE

Thursday, September 21 – Hope Floats

BOTTOM LINE: Remember, when God is silent it doesn't mean He is absent.

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

God's kind of hope is not wishful thinking. God's kind of hope is far superior to the common idea of hope. It means "confident expectation of something not yet seen." Hope comes from recalling what God has done, and filling my heart with His faithfulness. For a committed, trusting Christian, the floods of trouble may come in with a rush. Those Christians may get battered around and tossed for a while, but they are like corks. They have a spiritual buoyancy, and their hope will float right back up. They cannot be defeated.

Hope makes everything different and possible. Hope realizes that the negative circumstances are not an accurate picture of how God feels about me and my future. As I allow God to fill my heart with His thoughts, I begin to realize how valuable I am, how God has always remembered me and will not forget me now, and how God has always acted on my behalf. If God the father gave Jesus for me, how can I doubt His tender care? The future looks bright!

When I look at life through the lens of hope, today and tomorrow both take on a new appearance. I can have hard days, but I won't stay down long. Hope is not an option. It's a necessity.

21 Days of Prayer & Fasting: Prayer Directive

Pray for God's Hope in My Life Today:

God, thank You that You give me hope when everything seems hopeless. Help me to remember that I am firm and secure in the hope that comes from You. Enable me to see through the eyes of hope. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Proverbs 23:18, Romans 5:2-5, Romans 8:24-25, Romans 15:13