

Romans 4:17-18 . . . (Abraham) believed God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. ¹⁸Who against hope believed in hope,

This world offers us no hope. By grace we believe in a greater hope. To attain to the high calling of God in Christ Jesus – the wife of the Lamb. Dwelling in hope has never changed.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

We have the same hope as Abraham. It all begins by not being weak in faith. We abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Zechariah 4:6 Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Not being weak in faith is to not dwell in my inadequacies. Don't listen to those who say you're finished. Call things not as though they were, the vision of His completion, He finished it. All your sufficiency is in the blood of the Lamb. Don't stagger – be strong in faith. Give glory to God. He wants us to trust Him and have complete confidence in His Son. When we know how much He loves us we can have peace and rest.

Romans 4:20-21 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; ²¹And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

Fully persuaded – absolute confidence in the Rock that is higher than I. We know there is wickedness in high places – Satan tries to distort the word of God. But stand on the promises of God for your life and you won't be moved. We might get to thinking the Lord is taking too long. We think we better help Him. Sarah helped and it produced an Ishmael. Impatience stumbles us – wait on the Lord. Tribulation worketh patience. God is faithful to His word.

Romans 5:3 ...but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

In your weakness and infirmity – the power of Christ rests on you. God uses the most tender things in our lives. But the grace of God enables us to turn it over to Him, to be more than conquerors. He causes us to call those things that are not as though they were. Adversity brings opportunity. Waiting is how patience has her perfect work. Unbelief turns us away from the promises of God. Be patient with the Lord. Let it be in His time. Listen to Him for whatever may be discouraging you. Know that we are blessed with all spiritual blessings. If you need a healing, hear Him say, by His stripes we are healed. Christ in me the hope of glory.

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

If you need a job, realize He will perfect that which concerns you.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Learn about the halleluia side. Finish your course with joy. Call those things which be not as though they were. This is the God that brings promise through 100 year old wombs, takes the chief of sinners and makes him a chosen vessel, renews our strength, and with every trial makes a way of escape. In Hebrews 11 we see many who by faith did amazing things, yet...

Hebrews 11:39-40 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: ⁴⁰God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

We know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. Even so Lord, come quickly!