

INTRO

- Share an example of answered prayer or a promise from God being realized.

READ

Rom 4:18-21, Heb 11:1

In this short series on hope, we are looking to discover how we can have real hope for the real world. None of us is exempt from struggle or pain, but there is a way we can walk through it with real, unquenchable hope.

REFLECT & RESPOND

In Sunday's message, guest preacher Bomi Roberson used the example of Abraham's hope in God's promise as a way to encourage us to have an unquenchable hope despite hard times.

Qu: as you read Rom 4:18-21, what stands out for you about hope and faith?

1. Unquenchable Hope awakens when it is connected to a godly promise

Despite being old and past the age of having children, Abraham believed God's promise.

Qu: what is the connection between your faith and hope according to Heb 11:1?

The challenge for us is the in-between of the promise and its fulfillment. That's where the importance of giving praise comes in.

2. Unquenchable Hope is cultivated through praise

Psalm 22:3 talks about God being enthroned or dwelling in the praises of his people. What a picture of the power and importance of praise! Between the promise and the fulfillment, we have a choice: we can exalt and praise our circumstances, or we can keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, exalting and praising him.

Hope grows stronger in the presence of the God of hope (Rom 15:13), despite our circumstances, and that makes all the difference.

Qu: Is there an area of discouragement in your life right now? How might God be encouraging you to cultivate your hope in him in that area?

RESPOND & PRAY

- Pray for comfort for those facing struggles right now
- Pray for those discouraged, that they may be encouraged and have true hope in God.