

# BE HOPEFUL

A FIVE DAY DEVOTIONAL

HOPE

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**CONFIDENT EXPECTATION**

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## DAY ONE IT WORKS OUT

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

You may often feel so lost and forgotten. You know what the word says about God's plans for you but you feel a million miles away from them. The reality of your mistakes, errors and perhaps what seem like a lost opportunity are before you every day. You are hunted with guilt and pain.

What you need to remember is that you serve a sovereign God. He is not only merciful but He is also a restorer. God's wisdom is so magnificent that He can take those errors and use them. He can turn a disgraceful situation around and bring you to a place of honour. He can take away those ashes and give you beauty. He can make everything work together for you.

Keep trusting.

## DAY TWO

# YOU ARE NOT ALONE

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

Isaiah 43:2 (NIV)

Whether or not you will have challenges is not the question. The question is whether or not you will be destroyed by them. God has already given us the assurance that no matter what situation you are faced with as a believer, you will come out victorious. It is your mindset and level of focus on the word that determines how much effect challenges will have on you. There may be fire all around you but your mind can still be sound and at peace as though nothing is happening.

Not being burnt by the fire is having an attitude of faith, being rest assured that what is happening is just for a moment and joy will come in the morning. It is this confidence in God that will take you to your place of glory.

## DAY THREE THERE IS AN END

For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

Proverbs 23:18 (KJV)

That negative situation coming to an end is influenced by what you expect. What do you see? It is easy to keep thinking things will remain as they are or even get worse. This is why they have remained as they are and are perhaps getting worse. Why don't you challenge yourself to align with the scriptures? Change your expectations and watch things turn around.

You might ask how. Begin to indulge yourself in the word of God. Gather scriptures that shed hope on those situations. Meditate on scriptures that highlight the mighty power of God. Then you will come to the understanding that there is nothing and no situation too hard for God to turn around.

## DAY FOUR

# FOLLOW THE LEADER

For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.

Isaiah 41:13 (NIV)

One of the biggest lies the devil tells is that you are alone and lost. But this however is not true. God not only wants to make a way for you, He is willing to take your hand and walk you through that situation. This is God assuring us that if only we can surrender to his guidance and leadership, we have nothing to worry about. God is holding you through that situation so there is no need to fear. You will not be anxious and you will not be confused. His hand holding yours is the assurance that you will come out victorious and more than a conqueror!



## DAY FIVE

# WHERE IS YOUR TRUST?

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Psalm 20:7 (NIV)

Isn't it funny how it is so much easier for some to trust man instead of God? You get on a train at the station with the assurance that your destination will be what is on the board. Never do you doubt that you will not arrive there or that you will end up at a different destination. Yet God has outlined on several occasions in the scriptures that He has an expected end for us. We have a glorious and victorious destiny. Our God is a God of integrity. We have many reasons to trust Him. Not only has He said it in His word, He has performed it. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.





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