

Hope

Part 4

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Anchor Verse

- **1 Peter 1:3-5**

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

What is Hope?

- Hope is the joyous anticipation of good.
- Hope is the fuel our faith that moves us from the present reality to our future glory.
- Hope is trusting in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.
- Hope is an anchor for our soul.
- Hope is not, positive thinking, good vibes, wishing in the wind, it's a confident assurance in what God has said and promised!

Today — Abounding Hope: overflowing hope that we can give away

Abounding Hope

- **Romans 15:13**

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- **Abound:**

- ***superabound, be in excess***, also (transitively) to ***cause to superabound (contagious), enough and to spare***
- feeding of the five thousand...
- **Matthew 14:20**
So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.
- Abounding hope means **HOPE TO SPARE**
- Hope that is CONTAGIOUS: to cause to superabound: HOPE IN EXCESS. NOT JUST HOPE FOR YOU. HOPE FOR OTHERS.

Abounding hope is **HOPE THAT OVERFLOWS, IT'S CONTAGIOUS, We Can't Keep It To Ourselves.**

How?

- **In Romans 15:13 —Now:** Understand it is *not* just a *future* hope, hope that fuels our faith *today*.
- **God's Part, My Part, Their Part LENS**
- **GOD OF HOPE: GOD IS THE SOURCE OF HOPE**
- **GOD'S PART: "FILL YOU with All Joy And Peace":** joy and peace crammed into you
 - to make replete, that is, (literally) **to cram, make full, make complete**
- in **BELIEVING: Our Part.** Faith in Christ, Trust placed in God
- **God's job:** fill us with all joy and peace,
- **My Job:** believe. Faith, trust. This is active. Faith works
- **With God:** abound with hope empowered by the Spirit
 - NOT ABOUT STRIVING OR WILL POWER

GOD FILLS, WE BELIEVE, HOPE ABOUNDS BY THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT.

Biblical examples of super-abounding hope

- **JESUS: SO SUPERABOUNDED WITH HOPE THAT PEOPLE FLOCKED TO HIM.**
- **Contagious. People came to Him with hopeless situations.**
- **Hope is the fuel of our faith.**

THE DESPERATE AND DISAPPOINTED: Jesus Heals a Woman and Jairus' Daughter

- **Mark 5:22-24**

Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him.

 - Interrupted by the woman with an issue of blood for 12 years
 - Went to every Doctor, spent all her money, still got worse.
- **Mark 5:27-29**

When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

JESUS FELT THE HEALING POWER GO OUT OF HIM. HE SAID "WHO TOUCHED ME"?

- **Mark 5:33-42**

Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, **“Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”** While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. **“Your daughter is dead,”** they said. **“Why bother the teacher anymore?”** Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, **“Don’t be afraid; just believe.”** He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, **“Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.”** But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, **“Talitha koum!”** (which means **“Little girl, I say to you, get up!”**). Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished.

- **Jesus super-abounds with hope so much that people have super-faith.**

How many of us encounter people every day who need hope?

Wouldn’t it be amazing to walk through life spilling hope on everyone we meet?

What gets in the way? What do we need to kick out of the room?

We see it in Jesus’ response to Jairus... “DONT BE AFRAID, JUST BELIEVE.”

One thing that gets in the way is **FEAR. HOPE vs. FEAR**

Hope vs. Fear

- **Hope** is joyous anticipation of good that is not yet here or is unseen.
- **Fear** is a distressing emotion aroused by impending danger, evil, pain, etc., whether the threat is real or imagined
- **HOPE** is the expectation of something good.
- **FEAR** is the expectation of something bad.

Fear is the Enemy of Hope

At this point in the service Pastor Jonathan told a personal story about how fear had stolen his hope for several years. This story is an integral illustration of the sermon. Please watch the Sermon Video online on www.gracechapel.net.

Lessons from the Cave

- Listen to the voice of the Spirit
- Worship in your cave of hopelessness

Final Example of Abounding Hope: Peter and John with the crippled beggar

- **Acts 3:1-10**

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about

to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

- Peter and John LOOKED RIGHT at the Crippled Beggar
- Beggar had hope — but it was **too Small** (everybody in the room has hopes that are too small).
- Peter gave him more than he dared hope for in the name of Jesus. **THIS IS ABOUNDING HOPE.**
- That beggar WAS HEALED AND went off rejoicing. One-man worship service broke out.

ABOUNDING HOPE ISN'T INTIMIDATED BY HOPELESSNESS.

Application

Abounding Hope: Get it and Give it Away!

BIGGER VISION: Bigger Hope. Super-abounding hope!

HOW?

- **Romans 15:13**
Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - **Get under the spout:** “May the God of hope fill you...” Go to God, Look at God, Spend time with God
 - **Believe:** faith works.
 - **Abound by the power of the Spirit:**
Don't try to do this on your own.
- **Pray together:**
 - For those crippled by fear
 - **For all to be filled with joy and peace as we believe**
 - **Abounding in hope by the power of the spirit**
- **Pray Romans 15:13 over them.**

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to “abound with hope”?
 2. Have you ever thought about having Hope that is “contagious” — in excess, not just for you, but also for others?
 3. How do you have to partner with God for Hope to Abound?
 4. Has Fear ever gotten in the way of your Hope? What happened?
 5. How can you kick unbelief and doubt out of a situation?
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