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GOD'S PATIENCE AND KINDNESS LEADS PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE. ROMANS 2:4

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Choose Hope

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

What if...

Just think about it for a minute.

What if.

What if today.

What if today is the day that restoration begins.

What if today is the day that reconciliation takes place.

What if today is the day that love breaks through, healing takes place, and joy springs up again.

What if today is the day.

What if...

I remember, after my husband lost his job, no matter what He did, no matter what he tried, no matter where he applied, the answer was no. No, not you. No, not now. No.

And we would pray. And we would seek. And another opportunity would come up. And another "no" would take it's place.

And I remember, at one point, my husband saying, "It seems that just as I'm about to lose hope, another opportunity comes. And although they have all ended, so far, in 'no', it's been *just enough hope* to try again."

And today, as I sit and think and look back - at all God has done, how He's provided, how He's answered, and the new things He is bringing us through, I am reminded of the infinite love and grace of God.

Why? Because He knows. He knows. He knows we're human. He knows that although He can see the end from the beginning, we can't. And He knows that in order for us not to lose hope, we need help. We need Him.

Does it happen the same way every time? No.

Sometimes it's through His written Word. Sometimes it's through a friend or a stranger or a sermon or a song. But always, in all ways, God is giving hope. He is bestowing hope. He is infusing His children with hope.

And although it may seem small, it's always enough. Enough to hold on. Enough to say, "Yes, God, I will believe You. One more time, I will choose to believe You. I will choose to trust You. I will choose hope."

Is there an area of your life where you've almost lost hope?

I implore you, my friend, don't give up. Choose to believe God, one more time. Choose, in this moment, to believe Him, to trust Him, to hope...in *Him*.

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Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16

Then Abraham waited patiently, and he received what God had promised... Hebrews 6:15

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18


Dates & Times to Remember

[Bible Study Series - Inner Healing](#): Join us tonight at 7 pm for our series on *Inner Healing*! If you missed any night's teaching, you can [get caught up online](#).

[Soul'd Out Scavenger Hunt](#): This Saturday, October 18. For all the info, contact [Dawn C.](#)

[3rd Sunday Fun Day](#): This Sunday, October 19, is our next 3rd Sunday Fun Day! Invite your friends, grades K-6, for an extra fun-filled morning of worship and interactive Bible learning, outdoor games and much, much more!

[FIRED UP Lock-in](#): Friday, October 24-Saturday, October 25. For all the info, contact [Mike Mc.](#)

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