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Let us seize and hold tightly the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is reliable and trustworthy and faithful [to His Word]. (Hebrews 10:23 AMP)

Our dear partners, is there something in your life that you're holding on tightly to? Has God made a promise to you, but you haven't seen it come into fruition yet? The Word of God tells us that we must hold tightly to the confession of our hope without wavering. You might be thinking, *But brother John, how am I supposed to hold tightly to something that seems merely impossible? Or, what if the promises of God will never come to pass in my life because it's been so long? Did I do something wrong? Am I not in the will of God?* We receive these kinds of questions daily from people all over the world who call in for prayer because they've lost hope. Some are new believers, others are mature believers. The devil doesn't really care how long we've been serving the Lord, his main goal is to distract us, make us hopeless and cause us to lose our faith in the promises of God. It's easy to let our carnal mind get in the way, especially now when we see what is happening around the world. Most of what is occurring is negative and hopeless. We are constantly inundated with hopeless news and terrifying statistics and the world hinting at a one world government. Not to mention we have people all around us who are usually speaking negatively and retelling the scenarios over and over. *We*, as the body of Christ, need to remember that *we* are in this world but not **of** this world. And we have a hope that anchors our soul!

This hope [this confident assurance] we have as an anchor of the soul [it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whatever pressure bears upon it]—a safe and steadfast hope that enters within the veil. (Hebrews 6:19 AMP)

This precious hope that anchors our soul which cannot break down under pressure is the hope we have in Jesus! When we feel hopeless and begin to doubt the promises of God, the anchor is there to steady us. When we have days where we feel all hope is gone because we haven't seen the promises of God come through yet, we have this anchor. What does this anchor keep steadfast? Our soul! What is our soul? Our mind, will and emotions. When the enemy has successfully attacked our soul (mind, will and emotions), he has robbed us of our hope.

Friend, do you ever get disappointed when things don't go the way you thought they would? Even though the Lord has made a promise to you? Do you feel like you missed something or that you're not in the will of God anymore? Or maybe you feel like the Lord is upset or disappointed in you. These are the many misconceptions Christians fall into that are simply- **FALSE**.

The fact is: You **ARE** in the will of God. You are right where God wants you to be in the exact moment in time that He planted you there! Proverbs 16:9 says, ***A man's mind plans his way [as he journeys through life], But the LORD directs his steps and establishes them.***

Our timing is usually different from God's timing. It's important to remember this because it's so easy to get caught up on dates and seasons and what "society" says is right. Many of us make earthly plans and use our own timelines for how we want our lives to go. When things don't work out according to our timelines, we lose hope and become discouraged. While making plans in the natural is not bad, we need to be careful that we don't stick to rigid timelines. Maybe you imagined yourself married by a certain age with children in the next "5 years". Or maybe you envisioned that after college, by the age of 30, you'd have your career all set up and earning a certain amount of money.

Just because things don't come to pass when *we want* them to, doesn't mean that God isn't working in our life! If God said that He'll come through for you, you have to hold on to His promises, which is your hope, and refuse to let go! You have to remain hopeful when all hope seems lost. Continue to be obedient to what He tells you to do and listen to His voice until His promises come to pass.

Proverbs 18:21 tells us, **Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.** The problem is when we don't see things come to pass in our life, we begin to speak negatively about our situation instead of speaking God's Word into the situation. The foundational SIMPLE principles we practice and daily encourage others to do also is to, first of all, watch what we speak. It's very important to be mindful of every word that comes out of our mouth. Secondly, we need to be careful with whom we surround ourselves. Are we constantly around negative, hopeless people? Is the depressing, fake news on all the time in our homes? We cannot be connected to that anchor and stay in the promises of God while we are surrounded by negativity. What happens is slowly we can begin to be influenced by the things around us and lose hope in God's promises. Instead, we should encourage people to fill their mouth with the PROMISES of God regardless of what they see with their natural eyes and hear with their natural ears! Why? Because the Word of God is LIFE for those who find it (Proverbs 4). So when the enemy tries to attack us by bombarding our minds with negative thoughts of failure and hopelessness, we fight back with the WORD. When the enemy tries to tell us that God forgot His promises to us because they haven't come to pass yet, we come back with the Word. We know dear partners we repeat this almost every month but we cannot stress how important it is to *watch what we speak every single day*. We are always in a spiritual battle and we cannot, even for a moment, let our guard down by speaking words that are contrary to the Word of God. This allows satan to rob us of our hope which is the anchor of our soul (mind, will, emotions)! We must remind satan who is NOT in charge of our present and future and not allow him to bully us into hopelessness! So remember, God is always faithful to His promises (His Word)!

We are here for you! We want to remind you to call or write or email us anytime! We are the body of Christ and we're here to encourage and lift up one another. Please don't allow the enemy to steal your peace, hope and joy in Christ Jesus. We are so thankful for you and we lift our partners in prayer every single day! Without you, this mighty work of God would not be possible. YOU are the reason we can continue to spread the Gospel of Jesus to the lost, hurt and forgotten and win them for God's Kingdom! The times we're living in is stirring up a revival season in the hearts of people all over the world, and we can't wait for what God has in store for us next! YOU are part of this revival! Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. We're grateful for each one of our partners and honored you chose to be part of the harvest of this Ministry alongside us. We end this newsletter with this last verse from the Word of God. We encourage you to hold onto this promise and the many other promises of God's precious Word!

"...for He [God]Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]" (Hebrews 13:5b AMP).

In His Service,

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