

HOPE FOR HARD TIMES PART 3

Rom 15:4-6 NIV84 “For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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Theme Verse: Rom 15:13 NIV84

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

► Ruth 1:16-17 But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go, I will go, and where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. (17) Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me."

***** RUTH'S DECLARATION OF FAITH *****

▶ Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

***** TRUST DOES NEED TO SEE FIRST *****

▶ Heb 3:13 “But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.”

***** WE NEED ONE ANOTHER *****

▶ Lev 23:22 ""When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the LORD your God.""

***** GOD'S WELFARE SYSTEM *****

▶ *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart...and He will make your paths smooth”*

**THE LORD GOES BEFORE US AS HE WALKS
BESIDE US AS WE TRUST IN HIM**

▶ QUESTION:

▶ “If you were put on trial for being a devoted follower of Christ, would there be enough evidence to convict you?”



▶ “What does it look like to live in a way that will bring you hope in this decaying society of moral relativism, subjective truth, and a total disregard for God’s Word?...”

AMIR TSARFATI, DISCOVERING DANIEL

- ▶ FACE THE ISSUE(S) – OR – TRY TO “CHANGE THE CHANNEL”?
- ▶ HOPE IS THE ATTITUDE OF FAITH
- ▶ HOPE = Confident expectation of the thing “hoped” for

***** THE NECESSITY & PRIMACY OF HOPE *****

Mark 11:22-24 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."