

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- November 10, 2016

“The Importance of Having HOPE”

Sometime ago, scientists placed a number of frogs in a big bowl of water. The frogs jumped to escape, but it was to no avail. After 6 hours, they all died. The scientists then placed more frogs in the bowl and after 5 ½ hours they took them out, wiped their bodies and gave them some rest. Sometime later, they placed the frogs back in the bowl and they jumped for the next 32 hours. Do you know why? The reason is simple. THE FROGS HAD HOPE! The first group of frogs had no hope.

You see, Hope is a confident expectation that believes in God's ultimate intervention. It is a supernatural expectancy. The woman with the issue of blood in the Bible had hope. Her hope led to faith. She believed if she touched the hem of Jesus' garment she would be healed. Her fears gave way to Hope. So, let's examine the ingredients of her hope:

- Her hope was not self-centered, it was Christ-centered.
- Her hope rested, not on her actions (good works), but on the power of Christ.
- Her hope was based on the Grace of God.
- She waited on God to perform her miracle, but she was not passive. She reached out and touched Jesus.

Here are 3 things we must do to receive answers from God:

First, our hope must be IN JESUS. Why? Because Jesus is “a Very Present Help in the time of trouble.”

Second, we have to exercise AGGRESSIVE FAITH. No one was able to stop this woman.

Third, we must have TAKING FAITH. You have to have a winner's attitude. Hebrews 11 reminds us: “faith is the substance of things hoped for.” Faith sees the solution. Faith knows IT'S A DONE DEAL. So, have faith in God!

Have a blessed week! See you in church Sunday!
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