

Esther: A recipe for hope.

Col. 1:5-6 the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel ^o that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing.



HOPE that leads to lasting CHANGE.
-Colossians 1:5-6

The Story of Esther

1. It's a story full of TENSION.
2. LIFE happens between the lines.
3. Everyone lives by FAITH.

Our HOPE in God CHANGES the way we live!

His PLANS don't change!

Our place in life is no ACCIDENT.

Proof for OTHERS to see God.

Each DAY is a new opportunity.

You may need to:

1. Pray
2. Ask
3. Read

The story of Esther calls us to trust in the power and presence of God even when, and perhaps especial when, He seems absent and we cannot imagine how he could possibly do what He has promised in His Word. - Karen H. Jobes

The NIV Application Commentary, pg. 211

Psa. 25:3 No one whose *hope* is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

Psa. 25:5 guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my *hope* is in you all day long.

Psa. 33:18 But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose *hope* is in his unfailing love.

Psa. 147:11 the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their *hope* in his unfailing love.

Is. 40:31 but those who *hope* in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Jer. 29:11 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.

Rom. 5:3-5 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not disappoint us
1Th. 5:8 But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the *hope* of salvation as a helmet.

1Tim. 4:10 we have put our *hope* in the living God, who is the Savior of all men

Notes:

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