Having Greater Hope #10

Hope is defined as a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen or to expect with confidence.

Another definition of hope is an optimistic state of mind that is based on an expectation of positive outcomes with respect to events and circumstances in one's own life.

Every week when it’s time to fill up my gas tank I see lots of people buying the Mega Million or Power Ball tickets…because their hope is in winning that life changing amount of money! I’ve even been talked into donating to a pot with colleagues in hopes to gain just a percentage of winnings.  The initial thought process is that if we had this large amount of money, it will make all our problems go away. Well, most of them because in reality they won’t. Trials and tribulations will come regardless of your possessions, position, or profession.

Our hope shouldn’t be placed in gaining material things or things that are temporary.

Psalm 62:5-6 – My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation: He is my defense; I shall not be moved.

Lamentations 3:21-24 - This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; Therefore will I hope in him.

Romans 5:2-  By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

The greater hope that we should be exercising is the confident expectation of what God has promised and its strength in his faithfulness in our lives. Let’s hope on Philippians 1:6 – Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

There will always be issues, problems & setbacks in route to God’s promises…Let’s not be moved by what you see…but be motivated by what we know! – Todd Galberth