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CONFIDENT HOPE: STEADFAST CONVICTION OR WISHFUL THINKING

^{12a} Rejoice in our confident hope. **Romans 12:12a NLT**

“Deaths of Despair” Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- 87,000 overdose deaths in the United States
- 1.5 million suicide attempts (50,000 deaths)
- 178,000 deaths from excessive alcohol use

Hope: Confident expectation of something good based on God’s faithfulness and promises.

¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, **Ephesians 1: 18-20 NIV**

Enlighten the Eyes of Your Heart

^{21b} ...their foolish hearts were darkened. **Romans 1:21b NIV**

⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ. **2 Corinthians 4:6 NIV**

Guidance and Encouragement

The Hope of His Calling

⁴⁴ “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.” **John 6:44 NIV**

¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession to the praise of his glory. **Ephesians 1:13-14 NIV**

Riches of His Glorious Inheritance

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. **Ephesians 1:3 NIV**

²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. **Colossians 1:27 NIV**

His Incomparably Great Power for Us

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. **1 Peter 1:3-5 NIV**

What Do I Do With This?

¹⁶ Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. **2 Corinthians 4:16 NIV**

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling. **Philippians 2:12 NIV**

¹⁵ Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge, ^{16a} the water from upstream stopped flowing. **Joshua 3:15-16a NIV**

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. **Luke 17:14 NIV**

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Hurt = Injury

Hangup = False belief system

Habit = Coping Mechanism

Family Home and Parenting carries the Gospel with Celebrate Recovery into local county jails and prisons and assists in the transition back into the community and the local church.

Next Steps

- Know Church Family, 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline are available.
- Accept the hope of His calling through a relationship with Jesus.
- Continue to work out your salvation in CR, Life Groups & Serve.