

# **Unpacking Hope**

### Part 3: How to Discover Hope in the Midst of Hopelessness?

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- We must understand that it is our responsibility alone to grasp on to hope without the slightest intention of letting go. There will be times when situations can stifle our hope, but it should never be stopped. It takes an incredible amount of courage to hope and that is because the trouble it entails can only be endured by a person of courage.
- In these 10 principles, we will endeavor to walk down a road of hope building concepts that will propel us in the direction of hope, while at the same time rescue us from hopelessness.
- 1. The first step in discovering or **finding** hope is the understanding that it is never **lost**.

"While there's life, there's hope." Marcus Tullius Cicero

Hope - less

Hope - full

You have a choice on the final words, but *hope* is <u>always **present**</u>.

- 2. Understand that hope is **possible**; never deny hope the right to **live**.
- Proverbs 13:12
- 3. Discovering talks of finding, which means we must find the hope that hopelessness tries to <u>suffocate</u>. If we lose hope, we can gain <u>nothing</u>.
- 4. Hopelessness is the greatest **enemy** to hope, they never co-exist. The one that gets more **power** wins.
- 5. Accepting reality while embracing possibility You must see what is <a href="https://happening.com/happening">happening</a> while simultaneously awaiting what is <a href="coming">coming</a> around the corner.

  Psalm 34:19
- 6. As a child of God, we must **recognize** that there is no such thing as a **hopeless** situation. **Isaiah 43:19**

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- 7. Never let the <u>appearance</u> of a hopeless situation diminish your hope for a <u>prosperous</u> outcome. **John 11:20**
- 8. It is important to be <u>surrounded</u> by people of hope because it is <u>contagious</u>. **Proverbs 13:20**
- 9. When hopelessness is allowed to grow, hope has a <u>difficulty</u> being <u>birthed</u>.
- Ultimately, it is the power of <a href="hope">hope</a> that will keep you in a hopeless situation until <a href="change">change</a> comes.
   Job 11:18-19