



# Freedom in the Word

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## LET'S HOPE CONTINUALLY

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**Psalm 71:14 - But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.** Every morning when I wake up I have positive thoughts of eager anticipation when I reflect on things that I am hoping for. An acrostic for HOPE is Having Only Positive Expectancy. Hope keeps us motivated. It is the blueprint of faith. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1) Faith is the vehicle that carries hope to its destination of manifestation. Gas for this vehicle is found in Romans 10:17....So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

So as we read the Word daily we will hope continually that God will watch over His Word to perform it. (Jeremiah 1:12) He will do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think. (Ephesians 3:20) We learn to expect the WOW element as God has said, "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." (Jeremiah 33:3) Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost. (Rom.15:13)

Our ministry is one of transformation and restoration. Those needing rehabilitation and restoration with their families desperately need hope. We believe easily what we hope for earnestly. I love the first phrase of Romans 4:18, "Abraham against hope, believed in hope."

We have hope as an anchor of the soul. (Hebrews 6:19) Don't let the lies of the devil and negative circumstances cause you to drift into the sea of despair. Hope floats! "*In hope we count on the possibilities of the future and we do not remain imprisoned in the institutions of the past.*" *Jurgen Moltmann*

Let's remember the words of Paul in Philippians 3:13-14, "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." God's plans give us a hope and a future, because Christ in you is the HOPE of GLORY! (Jeremiah 29:11) (Colossians 1:27) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28) So let's bless the Lord at all times, and hope continually in the God of Hope. Having Only Positive Expectancy!

## HANG UP AND PRAY

Katie Brigmon

**2 Chronicles 20:12- For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you. NIV**

After the US Airways plane went down in the Hudson River in New York City a passenger was telling a news anchor how she was on the phone as the plane was going down. The stranger in the seat next to her told her to hang up and pray...and she did. The stranger was insisting that she move her focus from the person on the line to God – their deliverer.

I made a note of that interview in a Bible Study that I was doing that day. I felt God prompting me to turn my focus away from the distractions of my life to Him. At no other time in history have we been able to be so plugged into so many voices. We can call a friend to see what they think. We can hear someone on the radio tell us what they think. Radio and TV personalities can tell us what we should be thinking.

I think one reason the county jail is a location for a lot of soul searching is that for the first time the outside voices are shut out. A person is quiet enough and desperate enough to hear God speak.

**Father, Your Word says in Psalm 46:10 to be still and know that You are God. You also want us to seek first the Kingdom of God (Matt 6:33). Help me to look to You BEFORE I seek all other counsel. In Jesus' name, amen.**

## MINISTRY FOR JUNE:

- Bartlett Unit..... June 3, 5, 7, 14, 17, 21, 28
- Connally Unit..... June 5
- 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Karnes City..... June 6
- Travis Unit..... June 7, 14, 21, 28
- Lockhart Unit (Women)..... June 13
- Bastrop FCI & FPC ..... June 20
- Kyle Unit..... June 27
- Hughes Unit..... June 30

Prison Diaries  
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On Sunday May 17, 1981 Ron went out to the Federal Prison Camp in Texarkana for the first time. The man who knew almost nothing about the Bible went to teach a Sunday School Class. Ron says those first guys probably get a special place in heaven for attending this class and not complaining. They were learning together. It was another couple of years before I joined him in this ministry adventure. We never dreamed what doors God would open for us. Twenty-nine years later and we still love what we do. We are so thankful that God sends us to share His love to "the least of these" (Matt. 25:36).

# Pray the Word

**Psalm 78:4 - We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD. NIV**

**Aim at Heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at Earth and you get neither." ~ C.S. Lewis**

**If you continue to do what is right, what's wrong and who's wrong will eventually leave your life. - David Blunt**

**Last Month our partners equipped us to minister the Word at: Bartlett Unit, Lockhart Unit, 3 Crain Units, Halbert Unit, Travis Unit, and Bastrop FCI as well as county jail visits.**

## Mail Bag

Ron and Katie- By now I have left Bartlett Unit and will finish my time here at McLennan County. I have 10 days left so praise God for that. I want to thank you and Katie for your answer to the ministry. You have been a very helpful tool in God's hand to help others in their time of need. Thanks for your love, compassion and strong faith to let us know that God still believes in us and wants to meet us where we are. Your Pray the Word class has been a blessing to me as well as to others. I want you to know I took the most important thing from Bartlett and that was the Word of God to heart. So far 3 persons have given their life to God here and I only had 2 Pray the Word books and I had to give them away to help others as it helped me in my time of need. Bartlett is blessed to have the programs like they do. J.S.

Dear Ron: Monday's Pray the Word class has enhanced my prayer life by leaps and bounds. I just wanted to say thank you for all the preparation, time, study and prayer you spent on the behalf of the believers at Bartlett Bible College. At first when I got to Bartlett I didn't understand why I had to go to State Jail, but now I do. I had to meet you and hear all God has done through you and the other volunteers. My faith has grown from faith to faith. C.S.

Dear Ron & Ms. Katie: Well you guys, I had a really great day with you guys & I wanted to thank you very much for volunteering your time for those of us who want a better life and wish to get as much knowledge as we can along the way. Thank you again for your time Saturday and for the encouragement you shared! M.O.

**MATTHEW 25:36  
TEAM MEMBER**

***...I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME...***