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**THEME: BUILDING A FOUNDATION OF HOPE**

**TEXT: JOHN 11:25-27**

INTRODUCTION

Jesus offers his hope freely to all who willingly come to him, acknowledge their sin and trust his cleansing blood for eternal life. He said “he who believes in him shall live even if he dies and however lives and believes in me shall never die.

-Jesus is building the hope of **Martha** by telling her that everyone who believes in him will live, even though he dies.

- The believers’ body dies the physical death which is the gateway to eternal life.

-Whoever is spiritually alive believes in Christ and will never die.

-Even if you know Jesus as your savior, you can still lose hope, **Proverbs 13:12**.

-Jesus knew that the family of **Lazarus** had lost hope and he had to go and encouraged them.

-There is only one encourager who comes on your way the time you are distressed and hopeless, this person is Jesus.

- **Abraham a man of faith** and a friend of God did not lose hope in getting a child.

-The question we need to ask is that, how did Abraham remain hopeful for all these years?

- it is because he was a friend of God 2 Chronicles 20:7.

-He was God’s servant **Genesis 26:24**

-He was totally obedient to God **Genesis 22**

-The man who was asked to give his only son as a sacrifice and he obeyed.

- How many of us can give all we have to God and his work?

-Giving to God builds our hope in him.

-As children of God we have to build our hope in the Lord through our commitment.

-**in verse 23-24**, When Jesus told Martha that Lazarus will raise a gain ,she thought that He meant that, he will rise at the end of the world.

-Believers if you build your hope on foundation of Christ you will raise a gain.

-we have some things when we are told in the Bible that ,they will come to pass, we don't believe but, feel that they will come after our physically death, but Christ is talking on what will come to happen now.

## **LET US LOOK AT THE 4 STEPS OF BUILDING FOUNDATION OF HOPE**

**1. Learn to submit yourself to God:** God is the source of hope, come to him in humility and he will restore you. Mary and Martha received Jesus with a lot of humility even though they had lose hope in resurrection of Lazarus.**1Peter 5:6-7**

Cast all yourbudderns to the Lord because he cares for you.

**2. Exercise to strengthen your faith:** Allow God's fulfilled promises to renew your hope.

-God has given us written records of countless ways, he has provided hope for believers who have trusted in him as their death and resurrection.

**1chronicles 16:11-21.**

**3. Learn to trust God's timing:** Sometimes God answers our prayers, and fulfills our hope quickly,

-and other times it takes long for his own divine reasons, learn to be patient with the Lord.

- Remember that you are not the first one, but People like Abraham their hope was fulfilled through faith and patient.

**4. Learn to thank God everyday:** hope cannot be build on negative alone,

- Major on positive side always.

-Though it is sometimes difficult to rejoice as we wait for hope to be fulfilled, but we have to know that rejoicing perfect us in ways that we are unable to see at times.

-This kind of hope purifies our mind of waiting even in the moments of sufferings; it does not disappoint us but gives us peace **Romans 5:1-5.**

**Conclusion:** Our hope as Christians is not in this Nation neither in other Nations of this world, but it lies in the coming of our lord Jesus Christ. The condition of the world will get worse and worse until Christ comes back. As we wait for this period, let us build our hope by submitting ourselves to God, making every effort to strengthen our faith in him. Learn to trust His timing, as we wait for every answer he gives to our prayers with thanks giving in our daily life, as we rejoice in him, and He will purifies and perfect our mind of waiting even in moments of suffering. At the end we will never get disappointed with our hope in Him.

***GOD BE WITH YOU AS YOU WORK ON HOW TO BUILD YOUR HOPE IN JESUS CHRIST.***

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