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God's Faithfulness Gives You Hope

Hebrews 6:13-20



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GROUP/FAMILY Discussion Questions

1. From the three possible reasons why God makes us wait (like Abraham), which one have you experienced in such a way that you can testify about the goodness of God? Please share this to bless the rest of the group.
2. Give one possible good implication of this Biblical truth for you personally: "it is impossible for God to lie".
3. How can the hope of our future salvation give us hope in our present life?
4. Pray together as a family/group, and ask the Lord to help you anchor your life on God's faithfulness to His Word and promises. If anyone in the group is losing hope about something, intercede for him/her specifically in your prayer time.

In the midst of suffering our greatest need is perseverance. A steady faith will enable us to inherit the promises of God, which in the midst of ongoing trials often seems too far-off. Regardless of our circumstances, remember that God is faithful (v. 10) and that in Him our hope is secure (v. 11).

So how do we find hope when tempted to lose it? How do you know that God is faithful and will always be faithful to His Word and promises?

1. AN ILLUSTRATION OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO HIS WORD (vv. 13-15):

- The writer gave Abraham as an example to encourage suffering Christians to have faith in Christ and His promises, instead of abandoning the faith. He quoted Genesis 22:17 to emphasize that the fact that God said it, assured its fulfillment.
- Why does God make us wait? Three possible reasons:
 - a) To Produce Endurance: God is more interested in your character than your comfort.
 - b) To Perfect Blessing: Oftentimes the longer God takes to fulfill a promise, the better it will be.
 - c) To Prepare Us: Remember that it was only *after* Abraham patiently endured that he obtained the promise!

2. AN EXPLANATION OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO HIS WORD (vv. 16-18):

- God's Word does not need any confirmation. It's reliable because God is faithful. But knowing man is slow to believe, He meets us on our level. God willingly provides an oath by Himself to verify His promise (v. 17). God did all this so that the "heirs of the promise" might know the dependability of God's Word. That's you.

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- Many things on earth are a lie. Your trust will be broken by people and their institutions over and over again. But you can bet your life on earth and your eternity on this: it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore you and I have every reason to cling to God as our only hope, for now and forever.

3. THE APPLICATION OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO HIS WORD (vv. 19-20)

- Jesus is literally our 'forerunner', opening the way for us to follow. You can literally go where Jesus has gone. We can approach God with confidence right now because Jesus our heavenly high priest has offered the perfect sacrifice and sits at God's right hand (Hebrews 4:14–16; 10:19–22).
- The cure for spiritual apathy and apostasy is the renewal of *hope*. Hope is the motivation for faithfulness and love. The basis for our hope is the promise of God, confirmed with an oath. Since the saving promises of God have already been fulfilled for us in the death and heavenly exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ, this gives us every encouragement to believe that those who trust in Jesus will share with Him in the promised eternal inheritance.

Christians need the gospel all their lives because God uses the gospel to C.A.R.E.

1. **Call** the unsaved (God's ordained way to call the elect to Himself). This includes asking those who think they are saved to examine themselves and verify their salvation (2 Corinthians 13:5).
2. **Assure** the saved (to teach assurance, which is so essential for believers going through difficult times).
3. **Remind** the saved of grace (to avoid legalism and instead follow Christ in love).
4. **Educate** the saved how to evangelize (teach and inspire proper evangelism, which requires repentance toward God and faith in Christ, Acts 20:21).

Final Thoughts

The hope of our future salvation is the hope of our present life. How can we be lost if we received such a great salvation? Our passage invites us to the "inner place behind the curtain" (Hebrews 6:19), where a truth-telling God encourages us by His promises, the only true guarantee of our future. All other sources of stability are promissory notes that may never be fulfilled. But our God is a God of integrity, of endless resources, of a never-ending future, and offers us a superior basis for stability in life.

*How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word.*

*What more can He say, than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? ■*

THANK YOU TO THE HISTORIC HUNDRED!

We almost, but not quite, met the hundred persons limit last Sunday because some (like yours truly) enrolled in Safepass but forgot to fill up the Google Form for Health Declaration, which is needed to reserve a seat! Am just glad I was allowed to go in by our Security and ushers nonetheless. Kidding aside, we do thank you for jumping through all the hoops required and beg your understanding and patience. There is no truth to the rumor that it is easier to enter heaven than it is to get a seat at GCF. All of this is only because we care about you and your safety from COVID, so please continue praying that our national health situation improves so that this this lockdown will soon be over.

WHAT'S THE GAME PLAN FOR THE NEXT FEW SUNDAYS?

We are going to maintain a hundred person limit up to today, because it is Communion Sunday and most of us will have to temporarily take off our masks to take the elements (just being extra careful). Then next Sunday we will increase our capacity to 20% of the auditorium, and then on the third Sunday and onward we will be at the 30% maximum capacity allowed by government regulations.

YES, BELIEVERS NEED THE GOSPEL ALL THEIR LIVES

Pastor, why must you preach the Gospel in every sermon? Because that is how we C.A.R.E.

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2. Assure the saved about their salvation (to teach assurance, which is so essential for believers going through difficult times).

3. Remind the saved of grace (to avoid legalism and instead follow Christ in love). Legalism is one of the most dangerous and demoralizing mindsets for any believer.

4. Educate the saved how to evangelize (teach and inspire proper evangelism, which requires repentance toward God and faith in Christ, Acts 20:21). Wrong evangelism is one of the reasons why nominal Christianity is one of the biggest problems in churches today. Some who think they are saved might be not.

As you can see, there are at least three times as many reasons to preach the gospel to believers as there are to the lost. Yes, Christian we still need the gospel today. ■

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November 1 (Wed), 8:00 p.m., GCF Facebook Page

REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS

Mondays and Fridays, 8:00 p.m., GCF Facebook Page

LIVestream (Youth LIVE Worship)

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THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. via Zoom

NEWLY STARTED GROWTH GROUP (SENIOR COUPLES)

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom, with Elder Bong & Sis Marife Durana

GCF SMALL GROUP TRAINING AND PRECEPT PHILIPPINES

An Inductive Bible Study on Mark 7-13

Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. via Zoom, contact Marj at 0917-779-1549

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