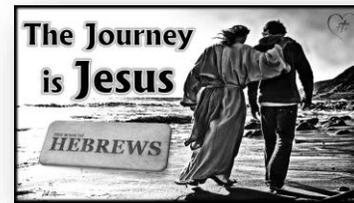




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“PANIC or PERSEVERANCE?”

Our Anchor of Hope
HEBREWS 6:13-20

Review: **RU Saved?**

Genuine Saving Faith...

1. **WORKS** because of **FAITH**
2. **LABORS** because of **LOVE**
3. **PERSEVERES** because of **HOPE**

➤ *Despair?*

“Life is Hard. Then you die. Fortunately there is a loophole.”

Loophole #1 – THE _____ of GOD HEBREWS 6:12-15

- ROMANS 4:18, 19

Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all...As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is mere flattery or platitude; it is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength.

~G.K. CHESTERTON

Loophole #2 – THE _____ WHO PROMISES HEBREWS 6:16-18a

The Unchangeable God...

1. **Promises a _____** JOHN 10:10; JEREMIAH 29:11
There are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about them. CLARE BOOTHE LUCE.
2. **Promises to _____** PHILIPPIANS 4:19; PSALM 37:25
It is impossible for that man to despair who remembers that his Helper is omnipotent.” — JEREMY TAYLOR
3. **Promises _____** ROMANS 8:28, 29

Loophole #3 – THERE is ALWAYS _____ HEBREWS 6:18b-20

*Sometimes God calms the storm.
Sometimes he lets the storm rage and calms His child.*

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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GETTING STARTED *“In your opinion...”*

1. In Sunday’s message we looked at the reasons to avoid panic and despair based on the promises of God and the God who promises. Was there anything from the sermon that was helpful, eye-opening, troubling, or confusing?
2. What are some things that cause people to despair, and consequently panic in life? Why is hope so important in life?
3. Have you ever been through a situation where things seemed hopeless, and yet you found hope that carried you? Explain.
4. How do the Promises of God and the God who promises provide hope that is an anchor for our soul? Why is an anchor a great metaphor for hope?

GOING DEEPER *“According to the Bible...”*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

- **Read 1 Timothy 6:17 and Proverbs 23:5. What is the warning here? Why is wealth so uncertain? What is the better hope for meeting our needs?**
- **Read Psalm 119:140. Have you tested any of God’s promises and found to be rock solid? Explain.**
- **Read Romans 5:3, 4. What is included on the journey toward becoming a person of hope? Why does hope require difficulties? (See Chesterton quote)**
- **Read Isaiah 40:29-31 How much can our physical condition affect our sense of hope? How is that remedied?**
- **Read Lamentations 3:22, 23. How might this verse mesh with this quote→*“The best bridge between despair and hope is a good night’s sleep.” ~Anonymous***
- **Read Habakkuk 3:17, 18. How can Habakkuk rejoice in the midst of these difficulties?**

LIVING OUT

- **Is there anything about which you are feeling hopeless? Is it time to panic or persevere in the promises of God?**