

Sunday
HOPE THAT DOESN'T DISAPPOINT
 2 Timothy 4:16-18

[A] - ACCEPT / RECEIVE GOD'S WORD:
 Pray so that you experience the help of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of your life.

[C] - CONTEMPLATE / MEDITATE ON:
 I will meditate on the verses above and answer the questions below honestly before the Lord:

1. How did Apostle Paul overcome his "disappointment" in ministry? [verse 16 & 17]
2. Meditate on God's promise in verse 18. How does this verse strengthen me?

[T] - TAKE ACTION / APPLY:
 I will worship God with all my heart and honor God's presence wherever I am.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S WORD:
 Declare God's word from Monday-Saturday, then add 2 Timothy 4:18, "The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

[S] - SHARE / STRENGTHEN:
 Today I will pray in agreement with one of my family members for each of our prayer points.

LESSON:
 A lot of times we are disappointed when we don't get recognition, attention, or love from our friends or family members.

If we put our hope in man to admit and respect our work for them, we will experience disappointment and even bitterness. We need to examine our motivations when doing anything. In His ministry for God, Apostle Paul went through a time when everyone deserted him. Yet, his attention was still focused on the strength that God gave him "so that... the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it" through him (2 Timothy 4:16-17).

We shouldn't expect other people to give us what only Jesus can give us. Unconditional love and grace can only be given perfectly by Jesus Christ Himself. Let us only put our hope in Jesus because that hope will not be disappointing.

NOTE:

2 Timothy 4:16-18
 16 At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. 17 But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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To:

Monday
THE TRUE GRACE OF GOD
Titus 2:11-13

[A] - ACCEPT /RECEIVE GOD’S WORD:
I will accept the Word of God and meditate it with all of my heart and be willing to do what God wants me to do today.

[C] - CONTEMPLATE / MEDITATE ON:
I will meditate on the verses above and answer the questions below honestly before God:
1. Am I able to see the grace/mercy of God in my life?
2. Meditate on verses 12 and 13. How does the grace of God work in my life?

[T] - TAKE ACTION / APPLY:
I will show respect to the grace of God through my words and actions.

Declaration of God’s Word :
Declare God’s Word from Titus 2:11-12
“11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age”

[S] - SHARE / STRENGTHEN:
I will pray in unity with a friend in faith using our VIP and own prayer lists.

LESSON:
What is the difference between a Christian and a person in a terminal, station, harbor, or the airport? They’re all the same in that they’re waiting for something/someone. They might be waiting for a transportation that will take them to their destination or a person who will be arriving in the terminal, airport or harbor.

As a believer, we are waiting for the second coming of Christ. Our waiting period is not without hope but it is actually filled with hope. In this new season, we are entering into a new and deeper understanding of the grace of God. Because of this, our waiting period has become more exciting and we’ll be more serious with God.

If we truly understand the grace of God and how this world is not the end of our journey, we’re not going to exchange Jesus with whatever the world offers us. Our hope in Christ, which is in His grace and mercy, will be like an anchor embedded in a foundation that is unshakable.

The more we understand who we’re in Christ, which we have been made right through Christ, the more we will not be attracted or live in sin. In this new season, where the grace of God has been revealed to us at a deeper level, let us put Jesus in the center of our life and above everything else. He is our savior, strength, treasure, joy, wisdom, truth, and everything to us.



NOTE:

Titus 2:11-13
11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Saturday
STRONG IN JESUS
Romans 15:1-13

[A] - ACCEPT / RECEIVE GOD’S WORD:
I will direct my heart and mind to meditate on God’s Word today. First, I will pray for God’s Word today to change my life.

[C] - CONTEMPLATE / MEDITATE ON:
I believe that God is speaking to me through His Word and I will respond to it seriously so I will experience changes in my mind and character.

1. What advice did apostle Paul give for the believers?
2. How can I stay excited and not lose hope even though I am troubled?
[meditate again on the verses above]

[T] - TAKE ACTION / APPLY:
I will be a motivator through my words and actions

DECLARATION OF GOD’S WORD:
Declare God’s Word from Monday-Friday and add Romans 15:1, “ We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.”

[S] - SHARE / STRENGTHEN:
I will share the commitment I made today with a friend of faith who started to draw further from God and pray in agreement with him/her.

LESSON:
On August 5, 2010, a gold and copper mine in Copiapo, Chile, collapsed. 33 miners were trapped. Rescuers who were looking for them were almost hopeless. But 17 days later, it was found that the miners were still living although being trapped in a chamber about 700 meters below. And they had to patiently wait for 7 weeks before a drilling machine broke through the hole where they took refuge.

Humans can stay alive for 40 days without eating, 4 days without drinking, 4 minutes without breathing. But, humans can’t stay alive when they are hopeless.

As believers, we need to always hope in Christ Jesus. In the times where churches were persecuted, apostle Paul told every believer to depend on God, the source of hope, joy and peace.

When the world called the 33 Chilean miners heroes, Henriquez (who was among them) insisted and said, “We are not heroes. If there was a hero, it was the spirit of God, who kept us united.” It turns out that Henriquez read a passage from the Bible to his friends everyday to keep their spirits up.

Whatever our condition is, let us live life full of spirit because we have a great God who loves us. Let our excitement/spirit be a blessing to the people around us who are losing hope.



NOTE:

Romans 15:1-13
1 We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. 2 Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. 3 For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.”[a] 4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. 5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, 6 so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. 8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews[b] on behalf of God’s truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed 9 and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name.”10 Again, it says, “Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.”11 And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him.”12 And again, Isaiah says, “The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope.”13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Friday
GOD'S LOVE IS NEVER ENDING
Lamentations 3:20-26

[A] - ACCEPT - RECEIVE GOD'S WORD:
I will ask the Holy Spirit to guide me in meditating on the Word of God, so I can experience an encounter with the Lord in His truth and experience change.

[C] - CONTEMPLATE / MEDITATE ON
I will meditate on the verses above and answer the questions below honestly before God:

1. Meditate on verses 22-24. How can meditating on God's love that is never ending renew my hope and spirit?
2. What does it mean that God's love is never ending?

[T] - TAKE ACTION / APPLY:
I will control myself from saying negative words.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S WORD :
Declare God's Word from Monday-Thursdays and also add Lamentations 3:22-23, "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. 23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

[S] - SHARE / STRENGTHEN:
I will call/visit one person from my VIP prayer list and do good to them.

LESSON:
Today, Meditate for awhile on the meaning of "God's love is never ending."
Imagine of yourself standing under a waterfall, where the water constantly overwhelm you. Until when? As long as you are under the waterfall, you will continue receiving the outpouring of water. Such was the love of God. Many people look at the love of God as something to be cultivated. They make personal standards to make them feel worthy of being loved by God. When they fail, they think that the love of God was stop flowing to them and they sadly leave, thinking that they have failed to be accepted by God.
In this new season, the Lord has opened our eyes to see His grace through Christ who have completed all the requirements for us to be forgiven and loved by God. All of us who believe and accept Christ, receive God's grace, where we receive forgiveness of God throughout our lives and loved unconditionally.

Today, meditate on God's love for you through the Cross, where Jesus has redeemed all of your sins and mistakes. You've been worthy and your duty is to accept God's love that never ceases, that is always new every morning.

NOTE:

Lamentations 3:20-26
20 I well remember them,
and my soul is downcast within me.
21 Yet this I call to mind
and therefore I have hope:
22 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
23 They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
24 I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."
25 The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,
to the one who seeks him;
26 it is good to wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

Tuesday
A STRONG ANCHOR
Hebrews 6:13-20

[A] - ACCEPT /RECEIVE GOD'S WORD:
I will guide my heart and mind to meditate on the Word of God today. First I will pray so the Word of God can change my life.

[C] - CONTEMPLATE / MEDITATE ON:
I believe that God is speaking to me through His Word and that is why I want to take it seriously so I can experience a change in my mind and character.

1. Meditate on Abraham's patience and faith in waiting for God's promise.
2. Meditate on verses 19-20. What did Jesus Christ do that I may have a never disappointing hope?

[T] - TAKE ACTION / APPLY:
I will declare God's word as often as possible

Declaration of God's Word:
Declare God's word from Monday, then add Hebrews 6:19-20, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

[S] - SHARE / STRENGTHEN:
Today I will pray in agreement with my family for our VIP family prayer list.

NOTE:

Hebrews 6:13-20
13 When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, 14 saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." 15 And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised. 16 People swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. 17 Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. 18 God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. 19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, 20 where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

[A] - ACCEPT /RECEIVE GOD’S WORD:
I will direct my heart and mind to meditate on today’s Word of God. But first I will pray that today’s Word changes my life.

[C] - CONTEMPLATE / MEDITATE ON:
I believe that God is speaking to me through His Word and I will respond to it seriously so I can experience changes in my mind and character.

1. Meditate on Abraham’s journey as He waits on God’s promises. What made Abraham continue to hope and believe?
2. Am I waiting on God’s promises at the moment? After meditating on God’s Word today, how can I see/view my waiting time and hope?

[T] - TAKE ACTION / APPLY:
I will make a list and write down God’s blessings I’ve received as much as I can. I will make time to give thanks to Him.

DECLARATION OF GOD’S WORD:
Declare God’s Word from Monday-Tuesday and add Romans 4:20, “Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God.”



NOTE:

Romans 4:13-25
13 It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. 14 For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, 15because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.
16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. 17 As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.”[a] He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.
18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”[b] 19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. 22 This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” 23 The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, 24 but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. 25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

[A] - ACCEPT /RECEIVE GOD’S WORD:
First I will pray and ask the Lord to give me a heart that is willing to receive and do His Word.

[C] - CONTEMPLATE / MEDITATE ON:
I will meditate on the verses above and answer the questions below honestly before the Lord.

1. How can feelings of guilt and condemnation cause someone to be hurt and lose all hope in life?
2. Meditate on verses 18-21. Why must I live in this truth?

[T] - TAKE ACTION / APPLY:
I will change all my negative feelings and thoughts with the Lord’s promises in my life. I will declare the Lord’s grace in my life more

DECLARATION OF GOD’S WORD :
Declare God’s Word from Monday-Wednesday and also add 1 Peter 1:18-19, “For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”

[S] - SHARE / STRENGTHEN:
Today I will pray in agreement with a friend in faith for points on our VIP prayer lists.



NOTE:

1 Peter 1:13-21
Be Holy
13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”
17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

LESSON:
Human emotions can make a big impact on the body. Conversely, the condition of our body can also affect our emotions.

An article from the American Heart Association explained how depression can create negative physical consequences such as memaparkan bagaimana keputusan atau depresi bisa menimbulkan konsekuensi-konsekuensi fisik yang negatif seperti contohnya arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries). Other research has associated stress with heart disease, heart attacks, and death.

In the book of Proverbs in the Old Testament, we read that “a cheerful heart is good medicine” (17:22), and that the wisdom found in God’s Word is “life to those who find them and health to one’s whole body” (4:22).

A good relationship with God and His Word will benefit us spiritually, physically and emotionally. There is a new understanding that the Lord’s grace through Jesus Christ frees us from all condemnation and darkness of sin; this should be new hope for us in facing every challenge.

Remember that Jesus came into our life to bring life to fullest, so that we don’t need to be defeated any longer by weakness or sickness. Live in Him, in His promises and in His grace that guarantees our life.