

WHY DO PEOPLE LOSE HOPE?

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You have received much, now give much. **Matthew 10:8 (NLT)**

REGIFTING HOPE

1. MAKE SURE YOU ARE _____

*For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord, 'plans for well-being and not for trouble, to give you a future and a hope. **Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)***

*At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!" Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. **Luke 2:25-37 (NLT)***

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life.

Proverbs 13:12 (NLT)

*Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again - my savior and my God! **Psalms 42:11 (NLT)***

...we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls...

Hebrews 6:18-19 (NLT)

2. _____

*The tongue can bring death or life;... **Proverbs 18:21 (NLT)***

*... Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. **Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)***

*... Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.... **1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)***