

UNBREAKABLE PROMISES, UNSHAKEABLE HOPE – HEB. 6:19

SERIES: *STANDING ON THE PROMISES*

¹⁹ This certain hope of being saved is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls, connecting us with God himself behind the sacred curtains of heaven,

Hebrews 6:19 (TLB)

➤ Sometimes we just run out of hope, ... then what?

¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 6:19-20 (ESV)

1. YOU HAVE A SOUL

⁷ Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and man became a living being.

Genesis 2:7 (AMP)

⁴⁵ So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 (NASB)

- Your soul separates you from your pet and other living creatures and unites you to God. Your soul is fragile and needs an anchor.
- Because of your soul – you wonder why you are here, where you are going, you wrestle with right and wrong, you value the lives of others and you get emotional seeing your baby, children or singing songs and praises to God.

³ He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. *Psalms 23:3 (NKJV)*

¹ To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. ... ²⁰ Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You. *Psalms 25:1, 20 (NKJV)*

2. QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER FROM THIS SERMON SERIES

- ✓ Do critics define your identity? NO! (Gen 1:26)
- ✓ Can challenges deplete your strength? NO! (Rom. 8:17)
- ✓ Are you a victim of circumstances? NO! (James 5:16)
- ✓ Does God have a place for the humble of the world? YES! (1 Peter 5:5)
- ✓ Can anyone understand what it is like to lead your life? YES! Jesus can – (Heb. 4:15)
- ✓ Do you feel all alone with your problems? You aren't (Rom. 8:34)
- ✓ Can God ever forget your failures? He already has! (Rom. 8:1)
- ✓ Is the grave a dead end? It is the opposite (1 Cor. 15:54)
- ✓ Will the sorrow ever end? (Psalm 30:5)
- ✓ Will you have wisdom and energy for the rest of your life? NO! But the Holy Spirit does. (Acts 1:8)

3. BUILD YOUR LIFE ON GOD'S PROMISES

¹ Then Jesus used this story to teach his followers that they should always pray and never lose hope. *Luke 18:1 (NCV)*

¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13 (NKJV)*

¹⁸ God can't break his word. And because his word cannot change, the promise is likewise unchangeable. We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go. ¹⁹ It's an unbreakable spiritual lifeline, reaching past all appearances right to the very presence of God ²⁰ where Jesus, running on ahead of us, has taken up his permanent post as high priest for us, in the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 6:18-20 (MSG)

➤ What are you anchored to?

⁹ This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance ¹⁰ (and for this we labor and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe. *1 Timothy 4:9-10 (NIV)*

⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

1 Samuel 17:47 (NIV)

³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. *Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)*