

Through The Eyes Of A Lion

Hope Has A Rope (Wk.3)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

The Holy Spirit is the rope connecting us to the anchor of our hope.

Key Scriptures

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. Hebrews 6:19-20

All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:25-26

But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. John 16:7

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8

I would have despaired, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalm 27:13-14

Trust tightens the rope that leads to our hope.

How to keep slack out of our line:

- Hold tight. (John 14:4)
- Follow directions. (John 15:10)
- Trust the process. (John 16:22)

Plus Ultra – More Beyond

Start talking.

- Ne Plus Ultra (Nothing More Beyond) was the motto of Spain until the discovery of the New World. How did that motto stand as a warning for early explorers?
- When Spain dropped the “Ne”, what did they hope would be the impact on Spanish explorers?
- What are examples of former warning labels, that have proven to be wrong based on further information?

Start thinking.

- Read Hebrews 6:19-20. Who/what is the “hope” the writer speaks of?
- What is the “inner sanctuary” the writer of Hebrews is talking about?
- How has Jesus brought our hope into the presence of God?
- Why is it significant that Jesus has done this (as a perfect high priest) on our behalf?

Start sharing.

- Read John 14:25-26. How does the Holy Spirit “teach” and “remind” us?
- Read John 16:7. Why does Jesus say its better for us to have the Holy Spirit than for us to have himself? What would your response have been to Jesus in that moment?
- Read Acts 1:8. What is the power the Holy Spirit offers us? How does that power play itself out in your daily life?
- Read Psalm 27:13-14. How does belief protect you from despair?

Start doing.

- As you read the three keys to keeping slack out of your line, which connects most specifically to your current experience? Read the corresponding verses and describe a practical way you can apply that principle.

Closing prayer.

Jesus, help me see beyond what my eyes can see of this world. Give me the conviction and determination to hold tight to you, to practically apply your teachings, and to trust that your Spirit is slowly winching me in to the eternal grace of your presence.