

When All Hope Is Gone

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This morning I am consumed by the discontentment, of the people, of this world.

I've been so far this year on a handful of missions trips, in the U.S. and the greatest concern after people's souls is the level of discontent. The abundance of complaining and all around lack of gratitude, appreciation, satisfaction, happiness and just plain joy. This discontentedness is not in what we are or aren't doing but in everything that is spoken.

Coveting, wanting, discontent or displeasure.

For my readers please don't assume that those I am observing are the seemingly lost. Although many of them do complain but the ones I was with the most were fellow workers in the vineyard and the lack of gratitude and contentment was appalling.

I came into contact with people who were given houses, vehicles, food, clothing, their very earthly livelihood and there was constant complaints.

There were many complaints about this thing or that thing. Comments of disdain about what was given. And even more astonishing were the unfavorable words about the individuals that gave or did.

The Bible gives us an example of those who do not have even food would go to a field during harvest time and would be allowed to go behind the harvestors and pickup the grains that were missed.

There is also a family movie "The Ultimate Gift" which is about a rich young adult that has to go through many tests (gifts) before he is that much closer to his inheritance. During the gift of work you see the young man say a satisfied "Yes" when he sees the job he has just done is a well done.

When too much has been given without having to do anything to get it, it creates an entitlement mindset.

I've heard many speak of those in poverty in our country having this attitude. But what I've observed is that this mind set doesn't belong to one population group but is the predominant mind set of the people wherever I go.

But praise God in every place we have gone we find a precious gem who is thankful in all things.

In all of this I can't help but see where my family must be more mindful of what is in our hearts every moment of the day. Because our mouths speak what is in our hearts.

My husband said something profound yesterday after I told him what has been on my heart and I was going to try to put into words. He said you know what the root of it is "No Hope" , "No Faith".

I'm always trying to get my family to see the root of something and not the outflow. He is right.

Noah Webster 1828

Hope

- A desire of some good. Accompanied with at least a slight expectation of obtaining it, or belief that it is obtainable.
- Confidence in a future event; the highest degree of well founded expectation of good; as a hope founded on God's gracious promises.
- Hope therefore always gives pleasure or joy; whereas wish and desire may produce or be accompanied with pain and anxiety.

Look at this definition above, "a desire of some good, accompanied with at least a slight expectation of obtaining it. A belief that is obtainable. Could it be we as a society no longer believe that something good is obtainable. We've become so jaded by the abundance of lies we see, hear and come in contact with on a daily basis. That we now feel there is no truth and that it is all lies? These thoughts of the current state of this world presses in on me and I can't help but feel sadden when I hear my 19 year old niece paraphrase this exact sentiment last Christmas. So, I guess I've been pondering this off and on for awhile now.

Second definition "confidence in a future event...; as a hope founded on God's gracious promises." If we don't believe there is an absolute truth "Jesus Christ", then how can we hope for the future or a future outcome; when all we have to rely on is this world. Even the thought of that could be quite depressing. Thank you God that you have made me to quickly notice those thoughts as being unholy and to take them captive and subject them to the obedience of Jesus Christ.

Third definition "hope therefore always gives pleasure or joy". Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. How can we possibly reach the point of Faith if we have no hope.

God's word tells us that hope is "an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." and that the "Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope", "Christ in you, the hope of glory". But God's word also speaks of the heart; "hope deferred maketh the heart sick; but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life". We need to be in fervent prayer for the world of today and that the Holy Spirit will kindle the desire to cometh so that many more and experience the tree of life.

And that each person, including ourselves would not love the stranger, God's Word tells us that "there is no hope; no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go". Too often our society Christian and nonchristian alike have gone after the stranger and have put other things and other people before Christ. In our minds we intellectualize it saying that I know God is first but then we go ahead and spend our time, money and thoughts on the other thing. These leaves us with the questions we really need to ask ourselves who is our God?

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"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, ..." Hebrews 6:19
"And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:" Hebrews 6:11

"...Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;... 1 Timothy 1:1

" To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:" Colossians 1:27

" Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. "

Ezekiel 37:11

" Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life. " Proverbs 13:12

" There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go. " Jeremiah 2:25

Faith

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The state of the nation, violation!
A broken promise is as good as a lie.
The hell is humongous, the devil's among us
And we will burn because we won't unite!

We won't witness anymore freedom.
Where is anybody? Do we need 'em?"
I would rather fight,
Than let another die.
We're the problem,
But we're also the solution.
All hope is gone!

If you want you cannot take it from me.
If you think you can, you still don't know me.
Let me tell you, when I said it, I meant it
And I will always have the right to defend it.

Fifty seconds, a hundred murders.
The bill of rights is a bill of sale.
What will you do when the war is over?
What will you do when your systems fail!?

[Chorus]
We have made the present obsolete.
What do you want?
What do you need?
We'll find a way,
When all hope is gone!
We've seen the fall of the elite.
Bury your life,
Take your disease.
We'll end the world,
When all hope is gone!

[Chorus]
The wretched are the wounded,
The hungry starved to death.
At a place where no-one goes,

The air itself is a final breathe.
So discontinue,
The antiseptic cash charade.
As the cry of justice comes,
Our malignant fire fades.

I am the reason your future suffers.
I am the hatred you won't embrace.
I am the worm of a pure distinction.
I am the remedy, spit in my face!
All your lies and wars are out-dated.
All your subjects are dulling mind games.
I can rattle off a million other reasons why
But doesn't matter when the only thing we love will die.

[Chorus: x2]

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