Hope Rises
From Dead-End To Hope

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In Tough Times We Need Hope To Rise From The Ashes

Psalm 42:11 (NIV) (11) Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.
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• Moses & The Children Of Israel
• Joseph
• Mary, Martha & Lazarus

SHOW US...

How God Can Take Us …

• From Hopelessness to Hope
• From a Dead End to a Great Future
• From Death to Life
We Need To Be Reminded That:

• The Battle Belongs To The Lord
• Our Future Victory Is In Him
• He Is Who He Said He Is
• He Will Do What He Said He Will Do
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• When The Angry Army Is Behind You
• The Desert Is Beside You
• The Uncrossable Sea Is Before You
• That Is Hopeless – A Reason For Despair

…BUT GOD!
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*How Can Hope Return?*

- **Genesis 45:7 (NIV)** (7) *But God* sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

- **Genesis 50:20 (NIV)** (20) You intended to harm me, *but God* intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

- **Genesis 50:24 (NIV)** (24) Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. *But God* will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."
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• If God Gave You The Dream… You Go With It…
  **But God… Will Accomplish It!**

• It May Not Be “Reasonable” But It Is Totally “Doable”
  “With God, Nothing Is Impossible”
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- Psalm 49:15 (NIV) (15) **But God** will redeem my life from the grave; he will surely take me to himself. Selah
- Psalm 64:7 (NIV) (7) **But God** will shoot them with arrows; suddenly they will be struck down.
- Psalm 66:19 (NIV) (19) **but God** has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer.
- Psalm 73:26 (NIV) (26) My flesh and my heart may fail, but **God** is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
- Jeremiah 10:12 (NIV) (12) **But God** made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding.
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How Can Death Lead To Life?

• Unless A Seed Dies It Cannot Reproduce Life
• In Order For Death To Be Defeated It Must Be Faced
• Death Faced And Overcome = Hope Returned To Life
• **Water Baptism = The Gospel (From Death To Life)**
  • *We Come To Christ*
  • *We Die To Sin & Self*
  • *We Are Raised To Everlasting Life With Him.*
  • *Washed – Cleansed -- Made New*
The Things That God Can Do (But God...)

- He Can Make A Sinner Into A Saint (Rom. 5:8)
- He Can Make A Foolish Person Wise (1 Cor 1:27)
- He Can Make Something Dying Grow (1 Cor 3:6)
- He Can Build & Make Anything From Nothing (Heb 3:4)
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The People God Can Use:
• Are Committed To Him
• Have Given Their Hearts & Lives Over To Him
• Have Died To Self And Self-centered Living
• Are Those Willing To Surrender
• Exchange A Miserable Life For A Miracle Life
• Have An Encounter With The Lord
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Promises For The Dead End:

• **He Is Your Stronghold – He Knows You**

• **Nahum 1:7 (NKJV)** The LORD is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; *And He knows those who trust in Him.*

• **No Matter What -- It Will Not Defeat Us**

• **2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NKJV)** "We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed--"
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- There Is Revival / Overcoming / Salvation

- Psalm 138:7-8 (NKJV) 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand Against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me. 8 The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

- He Walks With Us -- He Revives -- Saves And Loves Us
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• Jesus Is Our High Priest… Our Go-Between

• Hebrews 4:15-16 (NKJV) 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

• When There Is No Other Source Of Help Or Hope -- We Obtain Mercy And Find Grace In The Time Of Our Need
• **We Must Keep Ourselves Grounded In Our Faith**

• **We Don’t Fret Or Borrow Trouble**

• **Matthew 6:34 (NKJV)**  ... do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

• **John 14:1 (NKJV)**  "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me."
• **We Know That It Will Work Out**

• **Romans 8:28 (NKJV)** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

• **He Is Our Help**

• **Psalm 121:1-2 (NKJV)** ¹ I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help? ² My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.
• **He Cares About You And Me… He Will Carry Our Cares**

• **1 Peter 5:7 (NKJV)** casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.
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• As We Surrender Ourselves And Live Out His Truth and Understanding In Our Lives -- There Is A Level Of Joy, Happiness, Freedom and Hope that Attends Us In Life
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- **Our Lives, Hearts, Minds, Thinking, Attitudes, Change:**

- **Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)**  6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;  
  7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
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- *He Considers Our Trouble And He Knows Our Adversity* –

- *Psalm 31:7 (NKJV)* I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, For You have considered my trouble; You have known my soul in adversities,
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If We Will Put Our Faith And Trust In The Lord He Will Bring About All The Changes And New Thinking Necessary To Live Life With A Hope That Is Rising
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There Is A Possibility In Your Problem

- Our Lord And Savior Is A Life Changer
- He Is A Way Maker
- He Can Destroy Destruction And Despair
- He Can Bring Light To Darkness and Life To The Lifeless
- Turn Your Life Over To Him and Let Hope Arise
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• It’s Not Over (When God Is In It...)
• It's Not Over, It's Not Finished
  It's Not Ending, It's Only The Beginning
  When God Is In It, All Things Are New
  All Things Are New
  I Know It's Darkest Just Before Dawn
  Might Be The Hardest Season You Experience
  I Know It Hurts, Won't Be Too Long
  You're Closer Than You Think You Are
  You're Closer Than You've Been Before
Ezekiel 37 – Can These Dry Bones Live Again? Yes

- What He Can Do For A Nation -- He Can Do For Us
- What He Can Do For Us -- He Can Do For Our Church

- Don’t Give Up -- Give It Over The Lord
  He Can Restore Hope In Your Life
• The Lord Is Saying To You It’s Not Over -- He Can Take You From Hopeless To Hope

• When Jesus Is On The Scene Don’t Ever Lose Hope -- It’s Not Over Until He Says It Is Over

• Death Cannot Defeat Us

• Even Death Itself Has Been Defeated
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- People Of Faith Invest Themselves In Their Dream And Calling
- Some Don’t See Everything That They Had Faith For... Come To Pass In This Life
- YET -- The Prayers, Faithfulness, and Seeds Planted Continue To Spring Forth Life
- (i.e.) What Jesus & The Apostles Did Is Still Life Giving
- If They Could Have Legacy’s And Impact That Outlasted Their Natural Life On This Earth -- Then You And I Can Have That Too
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• The Same God Who Brought
  • Joseph From A Pit To The Palace
  • Moses & The Children Of Israel Out From Bondage To Victory
  • Who Brought Lazarus Back From The Grave
  • Can Transform Your Life – Family & Future

God Alone Can Cause Hope To Rise And Can Totally Change The Path Of Life From A Dead End Road To A Hope Filled Future