

Authentic Hope

Luke 2:25-32

Sermon Notes

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I. Hopelessness defined

A. Having no expectation of **good** or **success**

B. **Incurable**

C. **Impossible**

II. Causes of hopelessness

A. Doing the right things but **not getting** the hoped for results (Jn. 16:33)

B. Hope **deferred** makes the heart sick. (Prov. 13:12)

C. **People**

D. Our own **wrong choices**

E. **Circumstances**

F. Only **you** can make you hopeless.

III. What is authentic hope?

A. Authentic hope is to desire with expectation of **fulfillment**. (Heb. 6:19)

B. Authentic hope is not founded on our own **abilities** or **resources**.

IV. Where can I find authentic hope? (Ps. 62:5)

A. In **God** (Is. 49:23b; Lam. 3:25; II Tim. 2:13; Heb. 13:5; Heb 12:5-6; Is. 40:31; Eph. 5:18)

B. In God's **promises** (Ps. 119:81; Heb. 6:18; Jer. 29:11; Gen 2:18; Matt. 6:32; I Tim. 6:17; Joel 2:25)

C. In God's **love** (Jn. 3:16-17; Ps. 147:11; Zeph. 3:17; Rom. 5:8; Rom. 8:28)



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