### RESTORING HOPE

Work Your Faith – Part 3 Romans 15:13 (NIV) CrossWord Christian Church Karen Sykes, Associate Pastor January 19, 2025

May the <u>God of hope fill you</u> with all joy and peace <u>as you trust in Him</u>, so that you may <u>overflow with hope</u> by the power of the Holy Spirit.

How do you restore hope as you work your faith?

#### 1. Return to God's Promises

For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

### 2. Pray Honestly

<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but <u>in every situation</u>, <u>by prayer and petition</u>, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. Isaiah 40:31a (NIV)

#### 3. Shift Your Perspective

You <u>must have the same attitude</u> that Christ Jesus had. Philippians 2:5 (NLT)

Let your roots grow down into Him, and <u>let your lives be built on Him</u>. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

## 4. Surround Yourself with Faithful Community

Then make me truly happy by <u>agreeing</u> wholeheartedly <u>with each other</u>, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Philippians 2:2 (NLT)

<sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:4-5 (NIV)

#### 5. Surrender Control

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28 (NIV)

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

# Hope is a journey, and faith is its foundation.

Now faith is <u>confidence in what we hope for</u> and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)