

Text: Duet 31:6
Title: Keep Hope Alive
Thought: It Will Happen
Topic: Moving forward In Faithfulness
Teaching: Gods Faithfulness to Fulfill his promise

Story Start
The other day my daughter showed us the picture she took for her school yearbook; this prompted my wife to pull up old pictures and videos from back when Lanyah was just a cute adorable little baby. The one thing that's evident is that my baby, is no longer a baby, she has now transitioned into becoming a teenage girl.

Story Setup
When we dropped my daughter off at college, I realized she had transitioned from that little girl, running around the living room, jumping on the couch pretending she was the lion king, reciting every part word for word. These are the times when I'm reminded that this life is full of transitions that bring about change.

Story Shift
Transition is the process of change in form, or condition. The word simply describes change that happens over time. The one thing we all come to learn about life is that nothing stays the same. Everyone here has gone through many changes and transition since you came into this world, and since you came to Christ.

Story Significance
A transition is happening in our scripture text this morning, God is preparing the children of Israel to receive the land flowing with milk and Honey that he promised to Abraham's descendants long ago. However just before they come into the land, Moses tells the people there's going to be a transition in leadership.

Sermon Sentence:
No matter what transition you go through you can expect God to keep his promise to you
No matter what transition you go through, God is always with you…Matt 28:20
Hope is the expectation of God to do what he promised… Matt 24:35

Sermon Saying:
In this life we transition and change but God remains the Same… Mal 3:6

Blessing Paragraph
As followers of Christ Every transition we go through he will use to bring us closer to him… John 14:3

Problem Paragraph
Some transitions we go through are hard to deal with, change comes with heartache and pain…

Challenge Paragraph
The challenge is holding on to Hope when things are Hard, and know that God is still with you



The Ultimate Promise
Rom 10:9-13

Background:
In the scripture text as Moses is preparing the people to cross the Jordan river into the land that God promised to give them, Moses makes a stunning announcement, the man they have been following for the last forty years, tells them, he's not going over the Jordan with them, and there will be a transition in leadership.

Moses said I'm old and I can't lead you anymore, Joshua is going to lead you guys over the Jordan into the promise land. I'm sure the people where shocked by this news, they knew Moses had a connection to God, that Moses could get a prayer through, when Moses cried out, God listen and responded to him.

The people are probably wondering if they are ever going to make it to the promised land, but Moses reminds them, I'm not going with you, but God is, Moses said the only one you need to be worried about being with you it's not me, it's not Joshua, it's God. He's going to make sure that you receive what has been promised.

I. HOPE COMES WITH TRANSITIONS VS1-2
I'm 120 years old I can no longer go out and come in
1. We are all limited by time, we only have so much
2. We are lessening over time; we become weaker
3. First, we grow up, then we grow old, we develop then we deteriorate
4. Moses announces his retirement as leader, there about to be a transition
5. Moses says my leadership has come to an end, someone else's is about to begin
6. God determines the transitions… God told Moses you will not go over the Jordan
7. Even Jesus transitioned, he transitioned the church to the disciples

II. HOPE MEANS GOD IS TRANSCENDENT VS3
The lord Thy God will go over before Thee
1. God does not transition because he's transcendent, God has no limits, and he never changes
2. God is eternal he is not limited by time, example old McDonalds that did not rot
3. President can only serve two terms, there is no term limit on God he will always be God
4. The prophets change, priest change, the kings change, but God is always the same
5. Our time on earth is limited, but our fellowship with God is transcendent
6. God's plan for our life is transcendent, it's not limited to just our time on earth
7. Our hope is transcendent because our hope is in God and he's always with us

III. HOPE MEANS GOD KNOWS WHATS NEXT VS3
Joshua shall go over before you
1. You follow the leader but put your hope in the lord; The leader is the servant not the source
2. Moses says even though I'm not going, God is going to makes sure you still get there
3. Just because the conditions have change, it doesn't mean the promise is cancelled.
4. There might be a new leader, but it the same God with the same promise
5. The reason you're going to make it over is because I'm watching over you
6. Until you get to heaven there will always be a next in your life
7. Keep your faith in God, and your next step will bring you closer to the promise



IV. HOPE MEANS GOD WILL DO WHAT HE SAYS VS3

…as the lord has said

1. Moses let the people know, you can believe that God will do what he says
2. The bible says God watches over his word to perform it.
3. Moses said don't put you hope in me, put your hope in what the lord said
4. He said he was going to use Joshua, wipe out the enemy and give you the land
5. Make sure your hope is in what God has said, and not just what you want
6. The most important thing in life, is to know what God has said, and place your hope in it
7. I want to hear from the one who first spoke and said, let there be light,

V. HOPE MEANS GOD IS FIGHTING FOR YOU

And the lord shall destroy

1. In the text Moses reminds them that God promises to destroy their enemies
2. The bible says, the devil, death, and hell will be cast into the lake of fire… Rev 20:14-15
3. Hope means were waiting on something promised to happen
4. God has promised that he going to remove everything that separates you from him
5. Through Jesus he removed our sin, guilt, shame, and condemnation
6. Through Jesus he will remove the liar and the deceiver who tries to keep us from God
7. In the final transition there will be no more opposition

VI. HOPE REQUIRE YOU TO BE STRONG

1. Hope is knowing that the lord is with you
2. Hope is knowing that the lord will not fail you
3. Some transitions will feel like you're not wining
4. Some transitions will feel like your failing
5. Hope says it may feel like I'm failing, but because God is with me, in the end, I win.
6. Hope is sticking with God through every transition, know that in the end you win
7. Hope is knowing that God will never forsake you, he always with us