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OUR NEED FOR HOPE

ROMANS 15:13 (NASB) "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

TRUTH: Hope is one of the deepest needs of a human being.

Three names by which God reveals the God He is:

1. Jehovah Shalom: I am the God Who gives you peace.
2. Jehovah Jireh: I am the God Who provides for all your needs.
3. Jehovah Shammah: I am the God Who is always there.

I. REMEMBER: GOD ALWAYS WALKS BESIDE ME.

TRUTH: The certainty of God's presence for all our days gives HOPE.

INSIGHT: The fear of abandonment is one of the great causes of hopelessness (Psalm 32:8 NLT).

II. REJOICE: GOD ALWAYS WORKS HIS PLAN FOR ME.

INSIGHT: God says He is working in your life even when it makes no sense (Romans 8:28).

INSIGHT: Hope isn't optimism; it's not a conviction that all will end well... Hope is the certainty that a life event makes sense regardless of how it turns out.

What do we know?

1. ... that God causes
2. ... God causes all things to work together for good.

TRUTH: God is weaving a tapestry out of the events of our lives.

CAVEAT: God isn't working everything for the good of everyone.

INVITATION:

Jeremiah 29:11 (NCV) "I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future."

Isaiah 46:3-5, "...listen!

I have carried you since you were born;

I have taken care of you from your birth.

Even when you are old, I will be the same.

Even when your hair has turned gray, I will take care of you.

I made you and will take care of you.

I will carry you and save you.

Can you compare me to anyone?

No one is equal to Me or like Me."

Two commitments this morning:

1. Embrace the presence of God in your life.
2. Receive from God's people.