

Prophetic Word: It's Time to Advance as Victorious Hope-Owners

Hope-Renters vs. Hope-Owners

One morning, right after Christmas, the Holy Spirit whispered to me, "Some are hope-renters; others are hope-owners. Some approach hope like a visitation; others experience it as a habitation." It was kind of random, but I began to understand what the Holy Spirit was trying to say.

You see, when you rent something, like a car or an apartment, you get to enjoy that commodity for a period, but you don't own it. It meets the need as long as you keep paying the dues. It is a temporary fix. On the other hand, when you own something, you get to enjoy it permanently. It's yours to keep. A visitation is short-lived but a habitation is permanent.

Many believers approach hope as though they are "renting" it. They "pay their dues" by asking or crying for hope as if it is something far removed and detached from their experience—something to strive for, perhaps. Their hope only lasts for the duration of the time until the next crisis hits, and then they cry out for hope again. I understand that there are times when we are faced with desperate situations, and we need to express our inner turmoil and cry out to God for divine intervention. But there is a radical difference between asking for hope and releasing the hope that you already own that lives inside of you.

A Different Perspective

There is a different perspective of hope that the Holy Spirit wants us to understand that will release the power of God

concerning our lives and situations. Romans 15:13 (The Passion Translation) says, "And may the power of the Holy Spirit continually surround your life with His super-abundance until you radiate with hope!"

The Amplified version says, "that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will abound in hope and overflow with confidence in His promises."

These Scriptures seem to indicate a generous level of hope that I observe isn't the experience and reality of most believers. We aren't acquainted with the measure of hope that heaven has made provision for. From God's perspective, there is never a lack of hope for everything life throws at us. God has made provision by the power of the Holy Spirit for us to thrive in hope in all situations. The difference is in perspective—and the key that unlocks that perspective is faith. Faith activates and sets into motion the manifestation of hope that is already ours. We are hope-owners because the Holy Spirit lives in us. God, the inspiration and fountain of hope, resides in us.

Christ is in us, the hope of glory. Hope lives in us, it does not leave. Hope is not like a tenant in your house. It doesn't come and go, ebb and flow or visit occasionally. Hope is a permanent habitation in our lives. Hope comes alive in us when we take our eyes off the gravity of our circumstances and set them on the promises of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Releasing Hope

I believe the Holy Spirit wants us to flourish in hope. Whatever you are believing God for in the new year, I believe you will see the manifestation of breakthroughs to the degree that you take ownership of hope in your life. In 2017, instead of praying to receive hope as if you are asking for it from an external source, release hope to your situations from the well already inside you. Speak hope to your dreams that have yet to

come to pass.

Proclaim hope to impossible situations. Prophecy resurrection life and hope to dry and dead areas of your life.

Declare With Me:

- I will be a hope-owner and not a hope-renter.
- I will take ownership of hope, and it shall never leave me.
- I will release rivers of hope by the power of the Holy Spirit living inside me.
- I will abound in hope and overflow with confidence in His promises.
- I will speak hope to the dreams that have yet to come to pass.
- I will proclaim hope to impossible situations.
- I will prophecy life and hope to dry and dead areas of my life. {eoa}

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