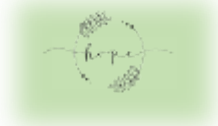




MARCH THEME



Week Four

Monday ~ **READ**

READ Romans 5:1-5 in three translations or paraphrases.

*Additional Reading of parts of Paul's story if desired: Read II Corinthians 4:5-18 and Acts 27:21-28:5.
www.Biblegateway.com is a great place to view varied translations and paraphrases of Scripture

Tuesday ~ **COPY**

COPY Romans 5:1-5 in your preferred translation. Underline the word 'hope' each time you see it. Then pick one verse from Romans 5:1-5 which is especially meaningful to you and copy it two more times using additional translations or paraphrases. If you see any synonyms or phrases used to describe hope, underline them too.

*Example of a hope phrase in the Message paraphrase, "*alert expectancy*"

Wednesday ~ **PONDER**

PONDER Romans 5:1-5 using the following questions and prompts:

*Make sure to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what He wants you to see as you consider these things...

- **Read Romans 5:1-2.** It appears that "*peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*" precedes having a hope for His glory in our lives. Ponder your understanding of that Truth. Journal your thoughts.
- **Read Romans 5:2.** What do you think it means to "*exult in hope of the glory of God.*" Write your thoughts.
- **Read Romans 5:3-5.** We see Paul "*exulting in His tribulations.*" Using our 'additional reading passages' about his life and other passages you may look up, describe some of the trials he faced.
- **Read Romans 5:3-4.** Paul knew that trials bring about perseverance and proven character and hope. I imagine he knew that because he had lived that. How have you seen trials bring about perseverance, proven character and hope in your own life? Journal your thoughts.
- **Read Romans 5:5.** The love of God is definitely connected to our hope in Him. Ponder this Truth and journal your thoughts.

Thursday ~ **PRAY**

PRAY into Romans 5:1-5 using the following prompts:

- Thank the Lord that He has made peace with you through Christ and that you now stand in grace.
- Thank the Lord for the hope that you can have for His glory to be revealed in your life.
- Thank the Lord for the specific challenges you are facing.
- Ask the Lord to help you persevere and to build character in you.
- Ask the Lord to grow hope in Him on the inside of you.
- Praise the Lord for His love poured out in your heart.
- Praise the Lord for the hope in Him that won't disappoint.

Friday ~ **LISTEN**

LISTEN to a message on Romans 5:1-5. You'll find it on our YouTube Channel, *Established Footsteps Ministry*.

*This video will be posted by Friday and a link will be sent to you via email.

Saturday ~ **SHARE**

SHARE Romans 5:1-5 in some way on one or more of your social media accounts. If you do not use social media, share with a friend.