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Christmas Series: ReDiscover Christmas: Good News In Troubled Times

Today's Message: Finding Hope In Our Uncertainties

Romans 15:13

1. Entering Advent: A Time of Hope

Advent (Latin) - “adventus” - “coming or arrival”; sharing in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah celebrating His birth; and for Christ's coming Kingdom.

- **Finding Hope In Our Uncertainties**

2. Simeon and Anna: Keeping Hope Alive

- Both had a deep hope that sustained, encouraged and spurred them on in deeply troubled times.

Genesis 12:3 - God's promise to Abraham, “All peoples on earth will be blessed thru you.”

Luke 2:22-38

Two Faith Giants—tuned in, waiting, watching, expecting...

These Both: Rejoiced, Celebrated, and Infused New Hope into people around them!

3. Three Truths About Hope We Should Apply to Our Lives

1) Hope Sees Beyond

Romans 8:1

Romans 8:24-25

TRUTH: Biblical hope is the willingness and desire to believe beyond our present circumstances.

Romans 8:26 “And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weaknesses.”

2) God Is With Us - Here, Now, and Always

Isaiah 7:14 “She will give birth to a son and will call Him Immanuel (“God is with us”).”

Ezekiel 48:35 “Jehovah Shammah” - “God is always there”

So: His presence watches over me, His purpose is working in me, and His place is waiting for me.

John 14:1-3

Philippians 1:6

3) Hope Inspires Us To Carry On

Romans 5:2-5

Notice: This hope from God's Spirit does not disappoint—it gives us renewed strength to move thru pain and confusion.

Psalms 121:1, 2

Psalms 37:5

ACTION STEP TO TAKE: My Step of Hope: _____