

2015 “The Jesus Year”

“Hope Rules!” (Part #5)

“The Soldier!”

Matthew 8:5-13 When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with him, ⁶“Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain.” ⁷Jesus said, “I will come and heal him.” ⁸But the officer said, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. ⁹I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, ‘Go,’ and they go, or ‘Come,’ and they come. And if I say to my slaves, ‘Do this,’ they do it.” ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, “I tell you the truth, I haven’t seen faith like this in all Israel! ¹¹And I tell you this, that many Gentiles will come from all over the world—from east and west—and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven. ¹²But many Israelites—those for whom the Kingdom was prepared—will be thrown into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹³Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, “Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened.” And the young servant was healed that same hour. (v.13 memorize)

Hope Rules #1

Sometimes Others Carry Your Hope!

(Roof Guys...Mark 2:1-12)

Hope Rules #2

You Have To Fight For Your Hope!

(The Fighter...Mathew 15:21-28)

Hope Rules #3

Hope Misplaced Isn’t Hope!

(The 1% Guy...Mark 10:17-27)

Hope Rules #4

Your Past Shouldn’t Steal Your Hope!

(The Pretty Woman...Luke 7:36-50)

Hope Rules #5

Hope Comes From Knowing Who’s In Charge!

*Jesus Is In Charge!

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”—**Matthew 28:18**

“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”—**Revelation 22:12-13**

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

—**Philippians 2:5-11**

*We Are In The Middle!

(Do you inspire hope or dash hope?)

*Behavior Matters—

It Reveals Who We Submit To:

Ourselves, Others Or Jesus!

“In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.”—**Judges 17:6 (NLT)**

“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.”—**Galatians 6:7-8**

*Are You Following Jesus?