

## 2015 “The Jesus Year”

### “Hope Rules!” (Week #2)

#### “The Fighter!”

“Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live, and let me not be put to shame in my hope!”—**Psalm 119:116 (NIV)**

“And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.”—**Romans 5:5 (NLT)**

“You will be rewarded for this; your hope will not be disappointed.”—**Proverbs 23:18 (NLT)**

“...Then you will know that I am the Lord; those who hope in me will not be disappointed.”—**Isaiah 49:23 (NIV)**

#### Hope Rules #2

#### \*You Have To Fight For Your Hope!

##### Mathew 15:21-28

Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely.” <sup>23</sup>But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. “Tell her to go away,” they said. “She is bothering us with all her begging.” <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to the woman, “I was sent only to help God’s lost sheep—the people of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, “Lord, help me!” <sup>26</sup>Jesus responded, “It isn’t right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She replied, “That’s true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>“Dear woman,” Jesus said to her, “your faith is great. Your request is granted.” And her daughter was instantly healed.

## As You Fight For Your Hope, Fight Though...

### \*God’s Apparent Silence!

### \*Discouragement From Others!

### \*Doubts About Ourselves!

### \*When You Can’t Accept “No!”

### \*The Elephant In The Room...

### “Is God Still Good When We Don’t Get What We Hope, Fight Or Ask For?”

“His (Job’s) wife said to him, ‘Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!’”—**Job 2:9**

“I’ve been asked hundreds of times in my life why God allows tragedy and suffering. I have to confess that I really do not know the answer totally, even to my own satisfaction. I have to accept, by faith, that God is sovereign, and He is a God of love and mercy and compassion in the midst of suffering.”—**Billy Graham**

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