

Matt 2:1-12

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CLAIMING THE OBJECT OF MY HOPE

- **JOSHUA 6:12-20**

HOPE VS FAITH

HOPE IS FUTURE FOCUSED. FAITH IS NOW FOCUSED.

- HEB. 11:1 NOW FAITH IS THE ASSURANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR, THE CONVICTION OF THINGS NOT SEEN.
 - FAITH IS NOW. ASSURANCE IS NOW.
 - HOPE LOOKS TO THE FUTURE AND EXPECTS A CERTAIN THING TO HAPPEN.

1. GOD SPOKE – AND HOPE WAS BORN!

A. THROUGH HIS WORD.

- **ABRAHAM. GEN 12:1-2, 15:18, JOSH 1:3**

B. THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES.

- **NAOMI. RUTH 1:6;**
- **PAUL. ACTS 16:6-7 1 COR 16:9**

C. THROUGH WHAT HE HAS ALREADY DONE.

- **LAM 3:21-24**

2. WALLS HAD TO COME DOWN FOR THE PROMISE TO BE REALIZED..

- **JOS. 6:1 NOW JERICHO WAS SHUT UP INSIDE AND OUTSIDE BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL. NONE WENT OUT, AND NONE CAME IN.**
- **2 COR. 1:9 INDEED, WE FELT THAT WE HAD RECEIVED THE SENTENCE OF DEATH. BUT THAT WAS TO MAKE US RELY NOT ON OURSELVES BUT ON GOD WHO RAISES THE DEAD. (ESV)**
- **JOB 13:15 THOUGH HE SLAY ME, I WILL HOPE IN HIM; YET I WILL ARGUE MY WAYS TO HIS FACE.**

3. HOPE IS CONTAGIOUS. GOD CALLS US TO STAND IN IT, TOGETHER.

- **Jos. 6:20 So THE PEOPLE SHOUTED, AND THE TRUMPETS WERE BLOWN. AS SOON AS THE PEOPLE HEARD THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET, THE PEOPLE SHOUTED A GREAT SHOUT, AND THE WALL FELL DOWN FLAT, SO THAT THE PEOPLE WENT UP INTO THE CITY, EVERY MAN STRAIGHT BEFORE HIM, AND THEY CAPTURED THE CITY. (ESV)**

APPLICATION

A. IS THERE ANY AREA IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU MIGHT DESCRIBE AS A “WALL.” IS THAT WALL KEEPING YOU FROM HOPING IN GOD? FROM ACTING ON YOUR HOPE IN FAITH?

- **GIVE IT TO GOD. TAKE A STEP OF FAITH THRU THE WALL BY DOING THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT IT IS TELLING YOU TO DO.**

APPLICATION

B. IS THERE A WALL OF UNBELIEF THAT IS KEEPING YOU FROM HEARING GOD'S VOICE IN YOUR LIFE?

- **CONTACT A SPIRITUAL LEADER AT BETHANY AND ASK THEM TO ASSIST YOU IN LEARNING HOW TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE.**