

A TRIUMPHANT HOPE

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Declarations of Power for 365 Days of the Year

"Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'" (Romans 4:18)

There are two kinds of hope; one, the hope that comes through The Word of God, and the other one is the hope that comes through the eyes of man, that is based on human logic. A momentary and quickly passing hope is what human logic can offer. On the contrary, faith offers a different kind of hope, which consists of looking beyond circumstances. Abraham's condition would not allow him to have a child. He was a 100-year old man, his wife Sarah was already 90 years old. Women normally go through menopause at the age of 45, which made it impossible for her to get pregnant. Abraham believed and had hope by looking past the circumstances. When you look at your circumstances all you see are the negative things and what is totally impossible. However, when you look through faith, you find out that in God's language the word "*impossible*" does not exist. Everything is possible to God and to those who believe.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Some time ago, we went to Sao Paul, Brazil, and a couple who were pastors there came to welcome us. As we sat down to have a cup of coffee, they showed us a picture of their three children. The twins were three years old, and the baby was only four month old. My wife congratulated them for their beautiful family. The Pastor's wife said, *"Did you know that we couldn't have children? The doctors said that it was impossible for me to get pregnant, and though we went through many treatments, we did not have any success. One day, my husband went to see a doctor, and he directly told him not to have any hopes, that he was never going to be a father. These words, instead of discouraging him, awakened an extraordinary faith in his heart. After that, we went to a convention in Bogotá. In one of the sessions we received a teaching about the power of the Blood of Jesus, and then you prayed for us. That same week I got pregnant. God gave me a miracle because we decided to fix our eyes on the Living Hope, not in human logic."*

Knowing Jesus secures our hope. Knowing Him is being able to see our tomorrow in a very clear way, and it is to experience all the great blessings that God has for us, which through faith we can bring to our present life. The hope of God helps me stay focused and not get distracted with the hope of human logic. In the case of Jairus' daughter, human logic was telling him that there was no hope for his

dead daughter, but he accepted what Jesus told him. He told him, *“Do not fear, but only believe” (Mark 5:36b)*. As he trusted Jesus, he saw his daughter come back to life.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for the way that You have been ministering to my life with Your Word. Thank You for giving me the substance of faith, because it is through faith, that the impossible, becomes possible, the bitter becomes sweet, darkness is turned into light, and scarcity is transformed into abundance. Thank You for opening my eyes to see all the blessings that You have in store for me! Amen.

DECLARATION

“My hope is placed in God, and from Him I receive His grace, His love and His guidance.”