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Hope, Happiness, and Healing
Jeremiah 17:7; Hebrews 6:16; Romans 15:4

Heavenly Father, we thank you for a glorious day like this; a day of mercy, a day of miracles, a day of signs and wonders, a day when the cross will cross out and cancel every negative thing in every life of everyone who believes. Lord, we come today with a great hope in God that those things we've been asking you, those things we've been pleading and praying for. It is this day you will accomplish it in Jesus' name.

Lord, I pray the wonder of the cross will come to every life this morning, in Jesus' name. The wonder of Your salvation, the wonder of Your healing, the wonder of Your miracle, and the wonder of Your deliverance, and the wonder of the authority of the believer, the dominion of the believer - that wonder will come into every life this morning, in Jesus' name.

I pray, O Lord, the devil will not overcome any child of God here. And in all the places we're listening to this Word of God, O Lord, we pray you will crush the evil one. You will destroy the work of the evil one. You'll set every captive free today, in Jesus' name. We pray, O Lord, that You'll receive the glory and the blessing will come upon the people of God today. We thank You because we know You have answered, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Thank you very much. We can sit down. We're looking at the Word of God this morning on *Hope, Happiness, and Healing*. If you are sick in your body, I want to tell you that Jesus is still the Great Physician. He is still the Healer, and He wants to touch you and heal you this morning. Whatever your condition may be there is no reason to lose hope because once you keep your hope alive, you are going to find the happiness; the joy of the Lord will be your strength. Then the healing will flow readily into your life, even this morning in Jesus' name.

In Jeremiah, chapter 17, verse 7: "***Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.***" When it appears there is no hope in any man, there is no hope in a situation, there is no hope in the conditions that surround you, there is no hope in the things you feel...you want to remember God is greater than what you see. God is greater than how you feel. God is greater than your thought. You can put your hope, not in your feeling...you can put your hope, not in your condition...you can put your hope, not in your situation...you can put your hope in God. Your hope in God will bring blessings from on high upon your life in Jesus' name.

Then he tells us in verse 14: "***Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed.***" He just said, "My hope is in the Lord." Because my hope is in the Lord, I'm now telling the Lord...you look away from everything around you, and then you center your hope and focus your hope...you pin your hope on the Lord Almighty, the Creator of the heavens and the earth. "***Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.***"

As we look at the message this morning, *Hope, Happiness, and Healing*, the message divides itself naturally into 3 parts:

1. *The Anchor of Hope*. The anchor of hope.
2. *The Antidote of Happiness*. Sorrow poisons our lives. Sadness poisons our lives. Grief poisons our lives. Thinking about negative things and feeling the pain and thinking about it poisons our lives. It makes us go down deep into the valley of depression, despair, and darkness. But when your ship is drifting, and it appears that the waves the ocean will swallow up your little boat, the anchor that anchors you to the shore of deliverance...that anchor is the hope, and the antidote that will erase and nullify and cancel all the poison in your mind and your spirit...that is happiness...*The Antidote of Happiness* - what the Lord injects into you; what the Lord imputes, imparts into your life.

Then he says, "If you want to have all the poison, all the negative thoughts you've been thinking about that will destroy your life and make you sink under the ocean of all the problems, the antidote is the happiness. You make yourself happy in the Lord. You count your blessings and see the great things the Lord has done. And because of that joy and because of that happiness, you can come up to the surface. Then you'll find the positive power of the Lord working in your life.

3. *The Assurance of Healing*. That means there is no shadow of doubt. There can be no doubt in the mind of God that He will heal you. There can be no doubt in the mind of Christ that He will heal you. There can be no doubt as you look at the promises of God...the promises of God are not yes and no. The promises of God are not perhaps or maybe. The promises of God give us assurance and certainty, affirmation and confirmation that this is what God has said, and God cannot deny Himself. *The Assurance of Healing*.

I want to assure you this morning, your healing is coming your way. I said, "Your healing is coming your way." You will see it in your body and feel it in your own mind, your own soul, and when that power comes to touch you, when that hand of the Almighty touches you, you know it is time to get out of that sickness, out of that captivity. This time, this morning, is the morning of your freedom, in Jesus' name.

1. *The Anchor of Hope*. [The Anchor of our Hope.]

We're looking at Hebrews, chapter 6, and I'm reading there from verse 16: "***For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.***" It says, when men in those days wanted to confirm any promise they gave, what they would do is to swear, one to another.

When the Almighty God gave a promise to Abraham, and He gave a promise to the sons and descendants of Abraham, the people that are walking by the faith of Abraham...they look at the promises of God, and they see that God Himself has committed Himself so much and has said, "This is my promise to you. It cannot fail." And the promise of God is greater than what you feel.

The promise of God is greater than what you see. The promise of God is greater than what any man on earth can tell you. That is on the place you put your hope: the anchor of hope.

In verse 17: ***"Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability [that means the unchangeableness] of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath that by two immutable things [unchangeable things, immovable things] in which it was impossible for God to lie..."*** Can God lie? I said, "Can God lie?" If the Lord says, "I will heal you," is that a lie? If the Lord says, "I will deliver you," can that be a lie? Can the devil make God a liar? Can your feeling make God a liar? Can your medical doctor make God a liar? Tell me. Can the seriousness of your sickness make God a liar? No. Nobody and nothing on earth, under the earth, or above the earth, can make God a liar.

Here it says, "By two immutable, unchangeable, immovable things in which it was impossible for God to lie." ***"We might have a strong consolation"*** A strong consolation. When you concentrate on your feeling, you have a weak consolation. When you concentrate on how other people look at you and they pity you, you have a weak consolation. But when you change everything, when you turn around and you say, "I don't look at what I see. I'm not looking at what I feel. I'm looking at the Almighty God...that Almighty God who created the whole universe without anything."

He created everything without anything. That Almighty God who divided the Red Sea, that's who I'm looking at. That Almighty God that made the Jericho walls fall down. That's the God I'm looking at. That Almighty God that gave Abraham a child at the age of 100. That's the God I'm looking at. If that's the God you're looking at this morning, you have a strong, strong consolation, in Jesus' name.

"...who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor." It is the hope we have that serves as an anchor, and all the waves of the ocean, all the storms of your situation, all the difficulties or the challenges you are facing, when you have that hope as your anchor, this morning you'll come out of that condition, in Jesus' name. ***"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil."***

We're looking at Romans, chapter 15. I'm reading from verse 4. ***"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have..."*** What? ***"...hope."*** What were the things written aforetime that you have read? As you read those things written aforetime you can compare it with your condition. You can compare it with your situation. Because those things that were written aforetime were written for your learning. They were written for your admonition that you (through those things you have read) would apply it to your life, and then you will have hope.

Can I remind you of some things that were written aforetime? You have read about a woman that had an issue of blood 12 years. She was growing worse and worse and worse. How do you understand by "worse and worse?" That means the pain was increasing. That means that as you look at her stature and as you look at her physique...when somebody had been losing blood

continuously for 12 years, and then growing worse...obviously she would not be as fat as she was 12 years ago.

What would you see? You would see the odor and the smell all around her, and yet she heard of Jesus Christ. When she heard of Jesus Christ, she came in the press and said, "If I may but touch the hem of his garment, I shall be made whole." And those things that were written aforetime, they were written for your learning, for your admonition...that you through the comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. You have hope this morning. I said, "You have hope this morning." That sickness might have been for 12 years or 10 years or 20 years, but this morning the Lord is coming your way, and He's going to take that sickness away in Jesus' name.

You might have used all the medication you know how to use. You might have consulted all the doctors in the land. Then you were growing worse. I want to tell you this morning, the hope that is coming your way is that this morning...healing is coming your way in Jesus' name. It cannot fail because it says, "Those things that were written aforetime, they were written for our learning, for our admonition, for our instruction, that we, everyone, having comfort now and patience of the Scriptures...will be able to have hope."

Do you remember the man that had a child? This child...sometimes the evil spirit will come upon him. He'll throw him into the water to drown him. He'll throw him into the fire to burn him up or to kill him. Then he came to Jesus and said, "All the people have prayed. I brought him to your disciples and they prayed and prayed. Nothing happened. If you can do anything, have mercy on us and help us and deliver him." And Jesus said (like He's saying this morning): "If thou canst believe."

If you can believe this morning...I thank God you believe. I said, "I thank God you believe." And I'm believing along with you, and I'm believing that his morning is the morning of your deliverance. It is the morning of your healing. The strength of the Lord will come into your life. When that strength comes, you will find the Lord has healed you in Jesus' name. "If thou canst believe." Say, "I believe." Everybody: "I believe." "If thou canst believe." All things are possible for him that believeth.

And it says, "That we through the comfort and the patience of the Scriptures might have hope." You have hope this morning. I said, "You have hope this morning." Can I tell you something about hope? It's not good enough to hope for one minute and then the other minute you change gears, and then you go into despair. It is not good to have hope one hour, and then the next hour you change into the negative. The hope, the hope, the hope must be to the end.

We're looking at 1 Peter, chapter 1, verse 13. *"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind."* Why is Peter saying that? To gird up the loins of your mind? Look up for a minute. You know, the mind is like a street. Thoughts will come like personalities loitering, loafing around. These thoughts will come, just wandering around. These other thoughts will come loafing and loitering. Close the gate and drive out all those wandering thoughts, all those ones that are loitering and loafing in your mind. Then, telling you this...stop all the discussion with those loitering, wandering thoughts.

You know it's very dangerous (if you're in the street and you find people that are loitering, going up and down) for you to engage in conversation with those strangers. What it says is: "Gird up the loins of your mind." All those negative thoughts coming in your mind, you drive them out, and then you close the gate. Any other thoughts you are going to entertain that will come to your heart will be thoughts of hope and the thoughts of the promises of God that will never fail and the thoughts of the fact that God is still on the throne. Because God is on the throne, He cannot fail. He will not fail. I said, "Your God, this morning, will not fail you in Jesus' name."

"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope..." Until when? Tell me out loud. Tell me out loud. ***"...to the end."*** Hope to end. That's always a secret, the secret of the anchor of hope...that you hope not just for today, not just for one week. You hope... You say, "I've been hoping. I thought God would heal me, but now look at my condition." Hope to the end.

Do you remember the disciples of Jesus Christ on the stormy sea? Then, as they were on the stormy sea – "Let us go on and pass on to the other side." I'm telling you, we're going on to the other side. I said, "We're going on to the other side." Then, while they are going on, there were storms. Then there was water coming into the boat. Now remember Jesus is in the boat. While Jesus is in the boat, you cannot sink. I said, "You cannot sink." I don't care about the origin of that storm. I don't care the direction of that storm. I don't care how many devils and demons and people and personalities are behind that storm. While Jesus is still in the boat, you will not sink. You cannot sink in Jesus' name.

Then they came to Jesus, and woke Him up and said, "Lord, we're perishing. Don't you care?" Of course, He cares! He cares. The point is, keep on hoping and keep on hoping, and you hope to the very end. This problem this morning will be removed in Jesus' name. This your problem, this your calamity, this your pain, this your situation...everything will turn around and change this morning in Jesus' name.

In Romans, chapter 4, I'm reading from verse 18. ***"Who against hope believed in hope."*** You see that - "against hope." That means when humanly speaking the situation was hopeless, when scientifically speaking the situation was hopeless, when historically speaking, the situation was hopeless...that means when you look at the situation and you look at history, you say, "There is no other case in history equal to this case." And yet, when it appears, there is nothing to give you hope in history, hope will come from heaven. I said, "Hope will come from heaven." That's why Abraham had to look away from everything historical, everything scientific, and everything human.

Then: ***"Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, so shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not..."*** What? Again? Tell me out loud. "He considered not his own body dead." Look up here. Abraham, why didn't you consider your body? "Oh," he said, "I heard two voices speaking to me. The God of heaven is speaking to me. My body is speaking to me. They're saying different things. What God says is greater than what my body is saying. After all, God had been there before my body ever existed." God's voice will be the higher voice and the greater voice and the mightier, more powerful voice. That's why he didn't listen to his body.

Listen to God. Every situation will change this morning in Jesus' name. ***"He considered not his own body."*** Then it says, ***"...now dead when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb."*** Can you see double deadness there: "his own body now dead" and then "the deadness of Sarah's womb," too. To be able to have children, Abraham had to be active and alive. Then Sarah, too, had to be active and alive. Yet it says: (1) the deadness of Abraham's body; and (2) the deadness of Sarah's womb. And when you have that double deadness...yet Abraham will not consider that.

It is because he knew the voice of God, and the promise of God is greater...greater than anything you feel, and greater than anything you see. I believe this morning as you consider the word of God, and as you consider the might of God, and as you consider the hope you have in Christ as an anchor...this morning, you will not fail and God will not fail in Jesus' name. That's why those people had hope. That's why Abraham had hope. That's why Sarah also had hope...because they knew the voice of God, the promise of God. The pronouncement of God is greater and higher and heavier and weightier than anything you feel in the body, anything you see. This morning, the great God, the mighty God, the never-failing God will work in your life in Jesus' name.

I hope you will do what Abraham did if you're walking in the steps of the faith of Abraham. And you're saying, "O yes, Lord, I know: if you did it for Abraham, you will do it for all the people that are walking after the footsteps of the faith of Abraham." This morning, it will be your turn in Jesus' name. Wait a minute. Do you remember that before Abraham, nobody manifested that kind of faith? He didn't have any antecedent, anyone he could look to and he can say, "Because so and so believed God like that, I, too, can."

But we have such a great privilege. We can refer to what Abraham did. We can refer to how he believed God. We can refer to how Joshua believed God. We can refer to how David believed God. We can refer how to the prophets of old and the patriarchs of old...how they believed God. We have antecedents. We have the people that have gone before us. If they went before us and they believed the Lord, we too can believe the Lord. This morning you are believing the Lord, and all the problems, everything will roll away in Jesus' name.

In verse 20 it says, ***"He staggered not."*** It's the drunk people that stagger. You know ideas of the world will make you drunk. You'll be staggering. Opinions of the world will make you drunk. You'll be staggering. But when you say, "Yes, I'm holding my anchor, my faith upon the Word of God," you will not stagger. You will be stable. You will be steady. You will be solid on the Word of God and say, "This is what He has said because this is what He has said, 'You will overcome.'" I said, "You will overcome." And remember you're hoping until the end. You're not just hoping for a moment, not hoping for a day, hoping for two days, and hoping for one week. You hope to the very end. As you hope and you're hoping to the very end, that thing you're hoping for, it will come your way in Jesus' name.

"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded..." How was he persuaded? I said, "How was he persuaded?" He was ***"fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."*** He will do it in Jesus' name. Give me a good, good Amen.

2. *The Antidote of Happiness.*

You know what? Bad news poisons the mind and poisons your system. You know what? Pain and feeling poison your system. It makes you to think in the negative direction. You know what? Recapturing and rethinking hope in your mind, "Oh this happened to so and so. That happened to so and so." Telling yourself the history of the people that went down the drain...it will poison your system with sadness and sorrow.

And as the sorrow increases, as the sadness increases, the sickness increases. But when you turn around and you say, "Is there anything I can praise God for? Is there anything I can be joyful about? Is there anything I can be happy about?" That happiness will bring joy to your life, and that joy will be the strength of your heart and the strength of your life.

That's why the Lord is telling us this morning we need to be happy in the Lord. Whatever condition where you are, whatever is happening to you now you can say, "Yes, I praise the Lord. I praise the Lord. There's something to be thankful for." And as you have that thankfulness and joyfulness and happiness, then you will find it is an antidote to all the poisonous things that come into your system. This morning, the joy of the Lord will be your strength in Jesus' name.

In Nehemiah, chapter 8, I'm reading from verse 10. ***"Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry."*** Neither be ye what? Tell me out loud. Neither be ye sorrowful. Don't think about things that will bring tears in your eyes. Wipe those tears away. Don't give up on your hope. Wipe those tears away. Don't entertain any thought that will bring sorrow and sadness, gloominess, despair, depression...wipe them all away. And it says, ***"Neither be ye sorry..."*** Why? ***"...for the joy of the Lord is your"*** What? ***"...your strength."*** ***"The joy of the Lord is your strength."***

When you make your heart happy, your heart merry, your heart joyful, your heart bubbling with the joy of the Lord...because you know God is on your side. You are a child of God. That's something to be happy about. God says, "I will never leave you. I will never forsake you." That is something to be joyful about. The Lord says, "I'm giving you a promise. And this promise I'm giving you is as strong as Myself." That's something to be happy and joyful about. Wipe away those tears and neither be ye sorry because the joy of the Lord...that is your strength.

Then he tells us in Proverbs, chapter 17, I'm reading verse 22: ***"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."*** A merry heart, a happy heart, a joyful heart, a bubbling heart doeth good like medicine. The Lord is saying to you, today: "Find something to be happy about. Find something to be joyful about. Find something to celebrate." And while you're celebrating and singing the song of Zion...I believe, this morning, everything that is negative will clear out of your life in Jesus' name.

You know I remember one man in Bible days...if anybody had a reason to be sorrowful, that man had a reason to be sorrowful. His name is Joseph. God gave him a dream. That is enough to give you joy. But then all his brothers hated him. He said, "There is still something to be joyful

about: My father loves me." Think about that. Joseph said, "My father is greater than them all, and therefore, all those, my brothers, are grouped together and teamed together and they hate me...that's nothing to think about. My father loves me. I'm happy."

Then they sold him into slavery. And somebody said, "Are you still happy? Are you still joyful? Because now they've sold you into slavery." But he said, "I'm happy." Why are you happy? "I'm happy they didn't kill me. They wanted to kill me." They said, "Here comes the dreamer. Let us kill him and see what will become of his dream." "I'm happy they only sold me. It could have been more serious than this, but I'm still alive."

Then he got into Potiphar's house. And the wife of Potiphar said, "Now you must commit sin." He said, "No. People like us don't do that. I have a dream. Dreamers don't go in that direction." Then because of that, this woman told a lie against him, and they put him in the prison. And I'm saying, "Joseph, now you must be sad." He said, "No, I'm not sad."

"Why are you not sad?" Number 1: "God is with me." The presence of God...that's enough to give you joy. There is always a bright side in every situation. You can look at and find something to be happy about because a merry heart, a joyful heart, a happy heart doeth good like a medicine. Then now they put you in the prison, aren't you unhappy about that? He said, "No, but look at the kind of prison in which they put me. They put me in the prison of dignitaries, not in the prison of common people. Aren't you happy that God still directed it and then they put me in the best prison in the nation." There's always something to be happy about.

Now some people were sad there. He looked at them and said, "Why are you sad? Why are you unhappy?" They said, "We had dreams and there's nobody to interpret." "Oh," he said, "I'm happy to tell you that I am interpreter. I can interpret for you." Then after the interpretation, he said, "Remember me when you're delivered and you go back to Pharaoh's palace." The man forgot Joseph. "Are you not unhappy, are you not sad because the man forgot you?" He said, "No, I'm not sad, I'm not unhappy." "Why?" "Because he remembered me only at the right time. I don't ever want anybody to remember me at the wrong time. He remembered me at the time Pharaoh had a dream for me to interpret."

What am I telling you? If you look at the situation of Joseph, you would say that man must be sorrowful and sad...No! Count your blessings and see what the Lord has done. There is something to be happy about. You make yourself happy. Then you will find in that condition, the seed of the promise of God will be able to grow, and it will bring forth fruit in your life...a fruit of miracle, a fruit of healing, a fruit of deliverance, a fruit of dominion, and you're going to have that this morning in Jesus' name.

Proverbs, chapter 15, verse 13. Here it says in verse 13: "***A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.***" What you have in the heart...the joy, the cheerfulness you have in the heart will change everything around. You'll be happy. I said, "You'll be happy."

We're looking at Deuteronomy, chapter 33, verse 25 onwards. Here's what it says: "***Thy shoes shall be iron and brass.***" I thought somebody would say, "Amen." "***As thy days***"... "***As thy days so shall be***..." Your weakness? What is it? "***As thy days, so shall thy strength be. There is***

none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky. The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." That's enough to make you shout for joy. That's enough to make you celebrate that whatever your condition, underneath you this morning are those everlasting arms.

"And he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them." Your enemies will not laugh at your condition. Your enemies are going to be confounded and ashamed in Jesus' name. *"Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew. Happy art thou."* This morning, happy art thou. *"Who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee."* Keep that joy. Keep that celebration. Keep that happiness. Just a few moments from now, your enemies will be found liars unto thee. *"And thou shalt tread upon their high places."*

Acts of the Apostles, chapter 16. And I'm reading there from verse 22. Be joyful, be happy...and let this happiness be the antidote that will kind of nullify, neutralize every poison of negative thoughts, sorrow, and sadness, depression, grief in your heart. It says, *"And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely."* That's talking about Paul and Silas.

You know, if you want to be sad, there's always something to be sad about. If you want to be sorrowful, there's always something to consider and be sorrowful. If you want to entertain grief, if you're looking for tears and you want to drink your tears, there's always something to think about that will make you shed tears profusely. Paul and Silas...if you wanted to be sorrowful, there was something they could have been sorrowful about...all these people that they had blessed, all these people that they had healed, all these people to whom they had ministered the gospel of light to, they came against them.

They put their lives in their hands, and see, they just wanted to be a blessing to the people. Eventually they said, "No, we don't want that. We don't want you're giving." Then they conspired against them until they threw them into the prison after beating them mercilessly. If you want to be sorrowful, you can be sorrowful of that, but Paul and Silas had something to be joyful about. If they found something in their heart and something in their situation to be joyful about, this morning, you can find something to be happy about, and that happiness will neutralize every negative thing in your life in Jesus' name.

Don't look at the people that appear to be against you, look at the Almighty God that is on your side. If you look at the Almighty God on your side, God is greater than all. Because God is greater than all, and that God is on your side, you can be happy. At this time this morning, you will sing the song of joy in Jesus' name.

It is that celebration, it is that happiness, it is that joy that brings miracle rushing from heaven. That miracle will rush upon your life this morning in Jesus' name. If you cannot pray, sing. If you cannot sing, just smile and just think about happy thoughts. Keep on whispering to the Lord, in the ears of the Lord, "I'm happy I'm a Christian. I'm happy I'm a child of God. I'm happy

You're greater than my circumstances. I'm happy You're greater than my situation. I'm happy You're on my on side. I'm happy that salvation, eternal life is inside here. I'm happy Jesus Christ is praying for me. I'm happy Jesus Christ on the right hand side of God is making intercession for me. I'm happy because I have the Bible. I'm happy because I'm not like unbelievers who have no hope. I'm happy because I'm in Christ; and in Christ, I have everything purchased and given unto me. You have something to be happy about. That happiness will bring miracles into your life this morning in Jesus' name.

Then in verse 25: **"And at midnight..."** at midnight, at midnight. That's the time if you're awake at midnight...that's when people normally have sorrow. Everything is dead and still. Everything is dark and dreary. And then, all those thoughts, the loitering, wandering thoughts, will be coming up. If you don't lock the door against them at midnight when there's nobody talking to you...that's when your mind is recalling all the things that should make a man or a woman sorrowful.

"At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them." They didn't care about those prisoners, whether their singing will wake them up or not. They didn't care whether their joy might disturb anybody or not. They just sang praises unto the Lord. The prisoners heard them. And verse 26...and tell me the word. Tell me the word. Tell me the word.

"Suddenly", it's in the midst of your singing, it's in the midst of your happiness, it's in the midst of your celebration, it's in the midst of your joy that miracle will come suddenly...that healing will come suddenly...that deliverance will come suddenly...the opening of the prison doors will come suddenly. It's coming this morning. I said, "It's coming this morning."

"And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken." The foundation of your prison this morning will shake. The very root of your calamity this morning will shake. Everything that is standing like a tower, terrifying you...the very foundation of that thing will shake this morning in Jesus' name. The foundation of the prison was shaken, and then it says, **"Immediately all the doors were opened."** There is a breakthrough this morning. **"And everyone's bands were loosed."** All your bands are loosed this morning.

1. *The Anchor of Hope.*

2. *The Antidote of Happiness*

3. *The Assurance of ...what? Tell me out loud. The Assurance of Healing.*

Do you have assurance if somebody tells you, "I will do this"? You know he's not lying, and you know he's very sincere. You know he means what he says, and he said exactly what he meant. He said, "I will"...Can I tell you this morning *God means what he says?* Can I have an *amen* for that? And God has said only what He meant. Any *amen* for that? And God said, "I will." God said, "I will." God said, "I will."

Can I show you 2 Kings, chapter 20? When God says, "I will, I will, I will," that settles it. Second Kings, chapter 20, verse 5. I want you to be searching for those words *I will*. **"Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold..."** Behold! Behold! Behold! **"...I will heal thee."** That settles it. **"On the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the Lord. And I..."** What? **"...will add unto thy days fifteen years."** That's alright, 15 years is not bad.

When Isaiah had said, "Set your house in order, for you will surely die"...15 years, that's not bad. When the doctor said, "You have only a few days to live." ...15 years, that's not bad. When your neighbors had looked at you and said, "You don't have a long time to live." ...15 years, that's much, that's enough. "I will add 15 years unto thee." When He said, "I will," nobody can reverse that. God said He will, and He will do it. I said, "He will do it."

Isaiah, chapter 57, verse 18. We're searching for those glorious words *I will*. **"I have seen his ways, and..."** What? **"...will heal him."** "I will heal Him. I've seen His ways, and I will heal him." **"I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners."** That's verse 18. Now verse 17: **"For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth..."**In verse 17. Then he tells us in verse 19 now: **"I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near,' saith the LORD; and..."** Tell me the rest. Tell me the rest. Say that confidently. Say that with assurance. **"...I will heal him."**

Jeremiah, chapter 30, verse 17: **"For I will restore health unto thee, and..."** What? Tell me out loud. **"...and I will heal thee of thy wounds,' saith the Lord."** "I will heal. I will heal him of the wounds." How many times do you want God to tell you? In 2 Kings, chapter 20, "I will." In Isaiah 57, verse 18, verse 19, "I will." In Jeremiah, chapter 30, verse 17, "I will." **"For I will restore health unto him thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds,' saith the Lord; 'because they called thee an Outcast, saying, 'This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.'"**

We're looking at chapter 33 of Jeremiah, verse 6. I will. I will. **"Behold, I will bring it health."** "I will bring it health and cure; I will cure them; I will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth." The Lord says this morning He will, and nothing will stop him.

Matthew, chapter 8, verse 7: **"And Jesus saith unto him, 'I will come and heal him.'"** He's coming to you. I said, "He's coming to you."

Mark, chapter 1, verse 41, verse 42: **"And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, 'I will; be thou clean.'"** You see that? **"I will; be thou clean."** In verse 42: **"And as soon as he had spoken, immediately [immediately] the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed."**

Isaiah, chapter 43, verse 13. "I will. I will. I will." **"Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?"** Who shall hinder it? God comes to you this morning with that pronouncement, and He says in your life this morning, "I will." Satan cannot change that. Your feeling cannot change that. All the people in the world all joined together cannot change that. This morning, God's *I will* is injected into your life, and

that willingness of God, with the divine ability of the Almighty, will get you out of that situation this morning. You're going to have everything the Lord has promised you in Jesus' name.

Number 1 this morning, you have the anchor of hope. Number 2, you have the antidote of happiness. And number 3, praise the Lord, you have the affirmation, confirmation, and the assurance of healing. Are you ready, this morning? I said, "Are you ready this morning?" Why don't you stand up and tell the Lord, "I'm hopeful now. I'm hopeful now. I'm hopeful now. I'm hopeful now. I'm not looking at what I see. I'm not looking at what I feel. I'm not looking at what is going on around me. I'm looking at the Almighty God."

Almighty God...have this hope as an anchor...this hope as an anchor. It's going to see you through this morning. It's the morning of your breakthrough, the morning of your miracle, the morning of your healing, the morning of your deliverance. Open your mouth and talk to the Lord. Have hope in God. Have hope in God. Have hope in God. Talk to the Lord in prayer. The anchor of hope is that anchor that will not allow your ship to stray, or to drift. It is that hope that is an anchor for you this morning.

You're saying, "Oh Lord, yes, I thank You. Lord I thank You." Hope in God. Hope in God. Hope against hope...when the situation appears humanly hopeless, historically hopeless, scientifically hopeless...that you're hoping in God. Nothing negative, everything positive. Gird up the loins of your mind. Chase out all those loitering, wandering, loafing thoughts. Lock the door against all those loafing, loitering, wandering thoughts. Welcome in the promise of God. Welcome in the presence of the Lord. Welcome in the positive assurance of the Lord that gives you hope. Hope in the Lord.

Yes, I hope in the Lord. My hope is in you, oh Lord. My hope is in you, oh Lord. My hope is in you, oh Lord. Satan is not your friend; don't accept his thoughts. He comes to steal, to kill, and to destroy; don't befriend him, don't entertain his thoughts. And the enemies of faith, the enemies of the Gospel who might say anything to you, as if they're telling you it's hopeless; anyone talking about hopelessness when God is on the throne, that's the enemy of faith. Don't entertain their words, their look, their thoughts, their ideas, or their proclamation. Gird up the loins of your mind.

Hope in God. Hope in God. Hope in God. That hope will be your anchor. Can you rejoice? Can you find something to rejoice about? That you're a child of God: by grace, by faith - that's enough to make you celebrate. The knowledge you have of the promise of God. All the people in your situation are ignorant and hopeless; you are instructed and hopeful. That's something to celebrate.

You belong to people that have faith. You are surrounded with people of faith and people of fellowship. That's enough to make you celebrate. And the voice of Jesus coming to you, "I will never leave you; I will never forsake you." And the Lord is telling you over and over, "Fear not; fear not. I am with you. I will get you out of this situation." That's enough to make you celebrate.

Counting your blessings, seeing what the Lord has done. He has preserved your life. He has saved you. He has had mercy on you. And look at all the blessings He surrounds you with. That's enough to make you celebrate.

He gives you understanding in His word. And the word of His promise is coming to you. You are not an orphan. You are not a fatherless, motherless individual. The Word of God is sustaining you and supporting you. The Spirit of the living God is dwelling within you. And if the Spirit that raised up Jesus Christ from the dead dwells in your mortal, He that raised Him from the dead will also quicken your mortal body to make you alive. That's enough to make you celebrate.

The Lord Jesus Christ on the throne is praying for you, is interceding for you. That's enough to make you celebrate. *"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."* ...A merry heart, a joyful, a happy heart. Think about what makes you happy. Drive all those tears away. All those negative thoughts, drive them away. Be happy in the Lord. Be joyful in the Lord. Happy. Happy. Joyful. A tone of celebration. A tone of celebration. A song of joy. God is on your side. God is on your side. God is on your side. Isn't that something to make you happy, something to celebrate?

He said, "I will never leave you, I will never forsake you." So I may boldly say, "The Lord is my strength. Of what shall I be afraid? Of whom shall be afraid?" Enough to make you celebrate. Other people have gone this way before. And they called upon the Lord and the Lord answered them. We're told in the Scriptures, the Lord is no respecter of persons. And if the Lord is no respecter of persons, that's enough to make you joyful, happy... Celebrate!

It's in the midst of that celebration, it's in the midst of that joy, it's in the midst of that singing that, suddenly, all the very foundation of your prison will be shaken. And all those doors are going to be opened. Then God brings a breakthrough in your life...the hope and the happiness and the healing. Yes they come. The happiness follows the hope. And the healing follows the happiness. He cannot change. He will not change. He's the great I AM THAT I AM. He is the one who has decided to heal you, to bless you, and to deliver you, to destroy all the works and the plans of the enemy. Today is the day of your rejoicing. Today is the day of your hope and the happiness and the healing. Celebrate!

Remember what the Lord has said. He said, "I will. I will heal you." Hold onto that. Accept that. Believe that. Stand on that. That's the infallible, unchangeable, immovable Word of God. "I will heal you, and I will add 15 years unto thy days." Accept that. There is assurance this morning. He cannot lie. He cannot lie. And your feelings are not stronger than God. Your situation is not stronger than the Almighty. Whatever your mind is telling you cannot be stronger than the proclamation of the Almighty God, "I will heal him."

The Lord says, "I will." The Lord says, "I will." That should build your confidence. "I will. I will. I will." And who can hinder that? Who can stop that? Who can contradict that? "I will." The Almighty comes to you this morning and the Almighty says He will. That builds up your hope. That strengthens your hope. That energizes your inner man. He says, "I will." He's coming your way. He says, "I will work, and who shall let it? I will heal, and who can hinder that? I will deliver, and who can reverse that?" Rejoice in that assurance. Rejoice in that confidence. Rejoice

in that thought. Rejoice in that affirmation and confirmation. He will. This morning, it will come your way. It will come to you. In Jesus' name we pray.

Anybody there having hope as your anchor this morning? In Jesus' name we pray. Anybody there believing that nobody can conquer God? Nobody can reverse the promises of God. Anybody there this morning knowing that God cannot lie? And God said He will heal you, He will deliver you, He will destroy the works of the devil, and He will chase away the enemy, and all the plans of the enemy He will reverse in your life...Anybody there? In Jesus' name we pray.

You have anybody there wiping away the tears? There's no reason to weep. Is there anybody there who is cleaning their eyes and says now, "I've been crying. I cry no more. I've been weeping. I weep no more because this day is the day of celebration. This day is the day of rejoicing. This day is a day of looking unto heaven and singing." Anybody there that is saying, "I will rejoice in the Lord. I will in rejoice in the Lord. I will rejoice the Lord."? ...In Jesus' name we pray.

Anybody having assurance there today? Anybody having assurance there today? Assurance within your soul. Assurance within your heart that God said, "I will." God said, "I will." And because God said, "I will," nobody can reverse it. Your enemies cannot reverse it. Even yourself, your mind cannot reverse it. All the world joined together will not be able to reverse the Almighty statement that says, "I will. I will. I will." It is done this morning. I said, "It is done this morning." If you believe that, rejoice and clap your hands, even before we pray. Celebrate before we pray. Show your joy before we pray. Accept what God has said and let the joy of the Lord be your strength, even before we pray. In Jesus' name we pray.

You are blessed already. You are healed already. You are delivered already. The very foundation of your captivity and prison is shaken already in Jesus' name. Now you raise up your hand...there is no shadow of doubt in your heart that you are that favored one...the blessing of God coming upon your life.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we thank You this morning because Your promises give us hope. Your statements give us hope. Your character gives us hope. What you have done in the past gives us hope. And the assurance you give us this morning gives us hope. Oh Lord, we pray this hope will not be disappointed in Jesus' name. Lord, we want to tell you that as we look at the promises, as we look at Your faithfulness, there's celebration, singing, joy in our hearts this morning...Oh Lord, we pray: do what You have said in Jesus' name.

You said You will heal. You said You will heal. It doesn't matter the nature of the sickness or the description of the sickness...we come this morning to accept that healing. We come this morning to receive that healing. We come this morning to experience that healing. Oh Lord, I pray You stretch out Your healing hand right now and heal all Your people in Jesus' name.

Lord, I pray You deliver the oppressed, You destroy the works of the devil. Where there is pain, take the pain away. Any infirmity, take the infirmity away. Any weakness, take the weakness away. And where medical science and where people have said, "This is the end." Lord, I say, "This is the beginning. This is the beginning of new things happening. The beginning of a new

journey. The beginning of a new race." Lord, I pray the healing, the miracle will come right now to everyone in Jesus' name. Confirm that in every life right now in Jesus' name.

We thank you, Lord, because we know You have answered. We know You have answered. In Jesus' name we pray. And everybody said, "Amen and Amen." Finally now everybody said...

You have got it. I said, "You have got it." God has done it and nobody can reverse it in Jesus' name. You go check up yourself; you'll find the miracle is there already.