

Joyful in Hope – Day Eight, March 26, 2020 (thoughts and ideas to encourage and challenge)

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”
Romans 12:9

Dear Heritage Family,

This morning, I ran across a website that offered the following ten scripture to encourage and challenge. I thought this would be a good place to spend the next few minutes. I hope you agree. -Pete-

1. Deuteronomy 31:8 *The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.*
 2. [Psalm 27:1](#) **The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my —of whom shall I be afraid?**
 3. Psalm 46:1-2 *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.*
 4. [John 14:27](#) **Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.**
 5. Acts 2:25-28 *I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one sees decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.*
 6. [Romans 8:15](#) (NKJV) **For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”**
 7. Romans 8:37-38 *In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*
 8. [Philippians 4:8-9](#) **Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.**
 9. Hebrews 13:5-6 (NLT) *“I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.” So, we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?”*
 10. [Revelation 21:3-6](#) *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.”*
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Prayer Updates

- Judy Skelton is asking for prayers for her son-in-law, Rick. In the midst of the Covid-19 crisis, he is facing some challenging decisions about work.
- Keep Percy Pasquin in your prayers. He still has not heard results from his testing.
- Phuong is scheduling a meeting with an oncologist to lay out a course of treatment for her cancer.
- Pete and Janine’s neighbor, Rod, was notified that there are several perfect matches for his bone marrow transplant. Karmanos is now trying to narrow it down to Michigan donors.
- Mel and Diane send greetings. Mel had some skin cancer removed yesterday, and everything went well.

“I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.” Hebrews 13:5