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Dedication

I dedicate this book to my husband, Jim, and to our family: Amy, Randy and Wyatt Jackson and Tony and Christine Alfonso. I love you all so much.

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And I thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for His love and inspiration.

Introduction

As I wrote these poems and applications about hope, I was often reminded that hope is a place my heart goes to when I have no place else to go. And that is because in my experiences with the Lord, He is the first and the last best hope!

I've gotten better at going to Him sooner than later and have found that I am saved a lot of heartache in doing so. Where I used to fret and worry and wring my hands over things I had no control over anyway - I did this along with praying, mind you - I have for some time realized that the moment I turn to Him and turn my concerns over to Him, He takes them. He takes me to a higher place - a place above my circumstances because He has taken me to the place of renewed hope.

I couldn't live without Him for many reasons and I couldn't live without hope. In Him, I have hope and so much more.

I am truly thankful and I praise Him!

Hope In Christ

Our hope is in Christ
Faith tells us so,
Whether experiencing blessings
Or lives filled with woe.

As the sun rises and sets
With every new day,
Hope in our Lord
Uplifts, come what may.

He knows there are doubts
But puts them to rest,
Our hope in the Savior
Brings hearts that are blessed.

Hope has a message. It is a message born of faith. Faith in the unseen, but the sense that there is something to look forward to. Something to be excited about. Something to live for.

True hope comes when we have a relationship with Christ. As we ponder the fact that He died for us, and in Him we have eternal life, hope comes alive because He is alive. With Christ in our heart, there is joy in our heart.

When the circumstances of our lives cause us to lose heart and hope, the Lord reminds us that He is there with us. He knows what we are going through and He gives us strength to get through it. At the same time, He renews our hope. He helps us pick up and go on and as we move forward, we are again reminded that everything works together for our good and for God's glory.

There is hope that there is a reason for what we are going through and the reason is as much about God's purpose as anything else! When we understand there is purpose in our suffering and disappointments, we can thank God and praise Him. Only He knows what is best and when we accept His way to be our way, we have hope no matter our doubts and fears.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

Bubbling Hope

Hope is a feeling
That starts in the heart,
It bubbles all over
But the heart's where it starts.

It brightens the day
And lightens the step,
With reflection and wonder
About what comes next.

It precedes our successes
And comes after we fail,
Hope picks up the pieces
And puts wind in our sail.

Tiny bubbles that grow and grow! Hope is like this. Hope starts out small and grows. And as it grows, it sheds light on our circumstances in ways that we can grasp and contend with.

Things may not be perfect, but they are manageable. Hope carries us through to the results of our accomplishments. It is something we seek after when we feel we have failed. It helps us climb higher to meet new goals and helps us move past disappointment and disillusion. And again, hope that is real and enduring and meaningful comes from Christ. He causes hope to bubble in, up and out of our hearts and with each new day there is a new measure of hope.

Because as the sun rises, the joy of the Son rises within us along with the hope He brings.

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

Soaring Hope

We should never give up
Or give into gloom,
With hope in our heart
There just isn't room.

No room to be anxious
To worry and fret,
To let ourselves falter
Or ever forget;
That with God there is hope
He has a plan,
It comes via Jesus
Who died to save man.

And with Jesus comes hope
He lives evermore,
To raise us from death
To make our hearts soar.

A heart filled with hope is like a balloon soaring high in the sky. And when something comes along to deflate it, where does one go for repairs?

To Jesus.

He refills and refuels so our journey can continue. The hope He gives holds us up, moves us on and takes us to places He leads us to. He speaks hope to our hearts and they soar to new heights.

Yes, Christ is our hope.

He keeps us afloat midst the clouds in our lives. He enables us to soar above our circumstances and still have hope whether our landings are soft or hard!

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

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