**Part 1 – Hope Wins**

**Over Fear**

**Romans 15:13**

**I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**How does hope win?**

**Hope wins over fear.**

**Genesis 3:1-10**

**Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”**

**The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”**

**“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”**

**When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.**

**Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.**

**Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”**

**He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”**

**How can hope win over fear?**

**Hope stops listening to fear and listens to God.**

**Isaiah 41:13**

**For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.**

**Hope stops hiding in fear and runs to God.**

**Psalm 34:4**

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.**

**Hope stops living in fear because God’s love drives it out.**

**1 John 4:18**

**There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.**

**2 Timothy 1:7**

**For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.**

**Hope stops looking back and starts moving forward in faith.**

**Isaiah 40:31**

**Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.**

**They will soar high on wings like eagles.**

**They will run and not grow weary.**

**They will walk and not faint.**

**Philippians 3:13-14**

**I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.**