Pastor's Weekly Devotional – January 31st, 2019

One of the key ingredients of life is HOPE. No – I am not talking about "wishful thinking." I am talking about "The Certainty of Hope." Without hope, life would be dull, despairing, depressing and can even lead to suicidal tendencies.

His is filled with people who held on to Hope:

- Alexander Graham Bell was laughed at for his invention of the telephone.
- Beethoven composed most of his music while getting steadily deaf.
- Abraham Lincoln was defeated in elections 9 times before he became President.

But you say: "you don't know my situation!" Here's something for you to think about.

- Hope looks for the good in people and ignores their meanness.
- Hope does not live in Quittersville.
- Hope sees failure as the ladder to success because it will try and try again until it succeeds.
 - Hope forgives and does not yield to cynicism or misunderstandings.
 - Hope creates "An Overcomer." When you fall, YOU CHOOSE TO GET UP rather than stay in the pit of self-pity. That's the pathway of Hope!

Be an agent of hope today! Give life to those dying in despair and discouragement! Ask yourself: "What is so special about ME that God would demonstrate His love and forgiveness to ME? And why can't I be An Agent of Hope to others – even those we don't care for?"

Hold on to hope. Hope is a Person! It is the Lord Jesus Christ!

Have a blessed week! Pastor Sewdin