

# EMMANUEL NOTES

## *Your Best Year Ever*

### **Week 1 - Living with Hope**

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Everyone ends up somewhere, only a few end up somewhere on purpose.

*The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.*  
- Proverbs 21:5

**If we are going to have our best year ever, we must choose to live with hope every day.**

Hope is desire with the expectation of attainment.

Hope is a conviction that the future is going to be better.

### **Why do we need hope?**

- We need hope because the realities of life hammer away at it every day.
- *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*  
- Hebrews 10:23
- "If there is hope in the future, there is power in the present." - John Maxwell

## WEEKEND SERVICE NOTES

### **How do we get it and maintain it?**

#### **1. We get hope from people.**

- *Death and life are in the power of the tongue...*  
- Proverbs 18:21

#### **2. We get hope from the bible.**

- *For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*  
- Romans 15:4

#### **3. We get hope from what God has said.**

- *In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.*  
- Romans 4:18-21

**If hope is alive, you stay in the game of life and fight on until victory comes.**

### **Four Questions:**

1. How strong is your hope today? (Scale of 0-10) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who do you need to stop hanging around? \_\_\_\_\_?  
Who do you need to start hanging around? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Will you start reading your bible today? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What has God said to you? \_\_\_\_\_