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## MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

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**August 2, 2022**

DAY 2 Topic: Finding Hope When You're Losing Heart.

Text: Psalm 42:11

*"Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God." NKJV.*

In these uncertain and discouraging times as waves of bad news continue to bombard us from the insecurity crisis to economic concerns, how is it possible not to lose heart? As human, none of us has a knows what can happen to this nation between now and next year. Even Jesus' closest companions dealt with discouragement and were tempted to lose hope.

Jesus knows when our hearts are faint.

There's no need to deny it when we feel hopeless. God hears our honest cry, *"Lord, I feel like I'm losing heart. I need you God."* Maybe you've been praying that for over the past few weeks."

PRAYERS:

OH God my father, no matter what happens, have your way in this nat and preserve me and my family in Jesus name.

Lord Jesus in a time like this help me not to loose hope and my heart not to faint in Jesus name.

Let us look at three ways from God's Word that you and your family can find hope when we are losing heart.

First, Pray and Never Give Up!

In Luke 18, Jesus tells a parable that illustrated a powerful principle of persistence in prayer.

In verse one the Bible says, "One day Jesus told His disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up."

It was the story of a persistent widow who appealed to an indifferent and unjust judge for justice. He would continue to ignore her, but she never gave up.



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Luke 18:1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,  
Luke 18:2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.

Luke 18:3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'  
Luke 18:4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man,  
Luke 18:5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'"

Luke 18:6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said.  
Luke 18:7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?  
Luke 18:8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"."

The implication in this story is clear.  
If we don't pray, we will soon lose heart and give up.  
God is not an unjust or indifferent judge.

He hears our cry. He understands. He cares. Prayer aligns our heart with His heart and gives us perseverance and hope.

Second, Invite Jesus Into Your Darkest Night  
Satan will always tempt us to lose heart when we're in the dark and can't see where we are going. When we don't know what to do.  
This is when the promises of God's Word strengthen us the most.  
But we must learn to rely on Him and His Word or we will lose heart.



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One of the great promises that should give us hope is found in 2 Corinthians 4:6 where it says, "The God who said, 'Out of darkness the light shall shine!' is the same God who made His light shine in our hearts, to bring us the knowledge of God's glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ."

When you invite Jesus into your darkest night, you know that you are not alone! God is with you! He will make His light shine in your heart even when you can't see through the darkness. Jesus is the light of the world! The Bible says,

*"In Him was life, and that life was the light of men."* John 1:4 (NIV)

The next verse adds this: "And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." John 1:5(NKJV) Let us invite Jesus into our darkest night right now.

### PRAYERS:

LORD JESUS, there is life in you and that life is the light of men, let the light shine into my life and let darkness fade away. Pray it for The GCBO. Pray it for Nigeria. Oh Lord, darkness must not comprehend your light in my life, in the GCBO and in this nation from now on in Jesus name. Thirdly, Look Up to Jesus! The writer of Hebrews gives us sustaining hope in Hebrews 12:2 when he writes, "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

NKJV.

Our hope is in Jesus! He took our sins to the cross that it may be forgiven and rose from the dead to indwell us with hope and life! We look to Him every day, moment by moment! I love the way the Psalmist put it in Psalm 5:3, "My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up."

In Conclusion: Corrie Ten Boone, who survived the Nazi concentration camps where her sister died, said, "If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed, but if you look at God, you'll be at rest." Keep looking up to Jesus! He will never let you down.