

This week Dr. Randall Parnell presents his message "God's Plan for You." Dr. Parnell wants you to know that your "hope for the future" begins now! Where you stand now is the place God has prepared for you to stand. Your sense of "hope" should be one of "expectation" and not one of "wishing."

Disobedience hinders "Hope." Dr. Pannell points out that Jonah, a man called to a mission by God, almost missed God's plan of "hope." When God first told Jonah to preach a message of repentance to the great city of Nineveh, Jonah did all that he could do to avoid going. When Jonah finally did obey, his message turned the hearts of the people away from their sins, and God reconsidered His threat to destroy the city, sparing them. In the face of destruction, there is "hope." Jonah's message warned the people to repent before their sin destroyed them, and Nineveh received hope and repented.

God always takes more pleasure in obedience than He does in the sacrifices that cover disobedience. "Excuses" hinder God's plan of hope. Moses tried every excuse he could think of to get out of going back to Egypt as God's messenger. All of his excuses were merely disobedience in disguise. His obedience allowed Israel to leave Egypt.

Exercising a "lack of faith" hinders God's plan of "hope." A lack of faith is like saying that God cannot accomplish the things He has said that He will do.

So how can you practice a faith that does not hinder God's plan of hope? Take Him at His word. To see the "hope" God has for you, you must move beyond being self-centered. Being "self-centered" will allow you to see only your own self. To see God's hope for your future, you also need to put away anger. "Anger" consumes your will, your strength, and your ability to appreciate what God is doing through others in your life. Instead of doing these negative kinds of things, put your trust in the nature of God. He cares for you. He has a good plan for you!

Are you ready to receive your message of "hope"?