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Hope is Born

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13 NASB

In the abundance of kindness in the heart of God, He pours out incredible gifts to us. These gifts, be they the charismas of the Spirit or the fruit, are given freely to all who need, and are secret weapons come to life within us, giving us strength, wisdom, freedom and yes, HOPE to face whatever our circumstances, no matter how grim. Victory always begins on the INSIDE. Where Jesus dwells.

These gifts are inexplicably intertwined; the rise of one brings in a burst of another, until the full grace of God becomes sufficient for us. One such time for me was 41 years ago, on a mountainside in Nepal. I had fallen and badly broken the bones in my ankle. We were days from a road, with no method of communication to the outside world. No cell phones or electricity. No doctors, no medicine. No idea of how many days walk to a drivable road.

Such a dark and mournful place to be, to feel abject hopelessness. And in that place of pain and anguish, my soul felt as if it was drowning with it. I wept, and as I wept, I cried out to Jesus. My Jesus. My Savior. My Deliverer. My Best and. Most Loyal Friend. I cried in utter sorrow.

Then, in the midst of my weeping, I suddenly felt an in flooding of actual

JOY filling my heart. Joy and laughter, delighted laughter swept over me as I lay in that damp mud. And the harder I laughed the more the sorrow, fear and sadness spilled away. And in their place was: HOPE!

Hope! Fear runs from it. Despondence disappears. Super contagious, as I noticed all my teammates were laughing and holding their bellies. And with that flood of hope came the knowledge that all was NOT lost and that somehow, some way, God will get us through this trial.

My circumstances had not changed one bit. But I had changed, completely changed by the outpouring of hope into my fiery trial.

One cold and lonely night long ago, the sky was lit up by angels singing, Peace on Earth! Good will to all men! Hope in human form was born that night, to bring us peace with God. This unspeakable gift is available to all who trust Him. Only He can change our darkness into light, our sorrow into joy.

Jesus is God’s gift Who never stops giving. In Him we can have hope.



WRITTEN BY,
DEBBIE ECKER

On A Personal Note ...



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"Its the most wonderful time of the year..." this song really sums up the Christmas season for me these days. For one thing Josiah has been coming to us for 8-10 days every year for several years now. Another reason is the gathering of loved ones whom we seem to be more intentional to reach out to during the holidays. Most of all it is a season for reflecting on the goodness of God toward us in the gift of His Son, Jesus.

Stop, Look & Listen ...



WRITTEN BY,
DAN ECKER

There are many lessons to be learned from ones childhood and upbringing. Depending on where your parents and grandparents lived [and or where they came from and how they were raised] has a lot to do with how each of us tend to see things as well whether good or bad.

In Christ there is room for improvements as one journeys through life and I am very proud of my upbringing. I love my family! The things that have been passed on to me have become a bedrock of who I am today. I'm sure you probably are able to recognize that in yourself some of the ways that you were raised as well.

One of the "lessons learned" in life is when one is young on how to properly cross the street. *Stop, Look & Listen* has been drilled into us. When the coast is clear, you can then cross the street safely. As we are just about ready to step into a brand New Year, be sure to *Stop, Look & Listen* as the future unfolds

Sow a Year-End Financial Gift ...

FINISH STRONG
YEAR-END GIVING

Send your best financial gift today!

- **Global Training Platforms: \$20,000**
To train next level Christian leaders
- **Kingdom Advance Partnerships: \$15,000**
Serving those working in reponsive nations
- **Care For Kingdom Families: \$20,000**
To reach children & families from fatherless homes

THANK YOU Your gift will make a difference

You can help Firstlight to finish strong in 2024 by sowing a "Year-End" financial gift today!

Total Project Giving Goal: \$55,000

We are putting together our project budgets and costs for 2025. A one-time "Year-End" financial gift of any size will help us to manage our financial commitments over the next 12 months.

Team Work Makes The Dream Work ...



Thai church leaders from Pattaya, Thailand

Your partnership each month throughout the year is bringing forth wonderful fruit for the kingdom in the places where we serve namely in Thailand, and the nations surrounding it.

We are presently serving a growing number of church leaders, organizations and ministries through a number of projects and ministry platforms.

Your continued partnership in 2025 will make a huge difference.

Prayer Points

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

II Corinthians 9:15 NASB

The Lord has come!

1. Pray for our Global Training Platforms in Thailand, & Myanmar in the New Year!
2. For our Care For Kingdom Families Projects: REAP: and the FWF in Thailand, during the 4th quarter of 2024 and into 2025.
3. Ministry plans to unfold for all of Firstlight to be strategically placed in 2025 and beyond! *projects, *people, * places, *funding, *increased effectiveness
4. For God to ARISE in all that we do!