**HOPE AGAIN**

Finding Freedom - Part 1

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**Luke 4:18-19 (NIV)**

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

**Exodus 6:6-8 (NIV)**
"Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.'"

**THREE TRUTHS THAT WILL CAUSE YOU TO HOPE AGAIN**

1. You may think **You’re Alone and Forgotten But You Are Not**

**Exodus 3:7 (NIV)**
The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

**Hebrews 13:5-6 (NIV) – Memory Verse**
Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, **"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"**

2. You may think **Your Situation Will Last Forever, But It Won’t**

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**Habakkuk 1:2 (NIV)**
How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save?

**Psalm 13:1 (NIV)**
How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

3. You may think **There Is No Way Out But There Is**

**Isaiah 43:16 (NIV)**
This is what the LORD says-- he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters,

**Isaiah 43:18-19 (NLT2)**
“But forget all that— it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

**Isaiah 43:25 (NLT2)**
“I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again.