



**"Unleashing Hope"**  
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**INTRODUCTION:** HOPE and Confidence create eleven major differences...you will

- Be more successful
- Be more compassionate
- Be healthier
- Be more likely to assume leadership
- Be more productive
- Be more likely to see God as loving, caring and forgiving
- Feel more satisfied
- Be more willing to help people in need
- Have more satisfying relationships
- Hold to higher moral and ethical standards
- Less affected by stress

**WARMING UP: Turn and talk...**If possible, break into groups of 2 or 3 and discuss a few of these differences for aprx 5-7minutes. Then come back together as a group. You may wish to have one or two people share their thoughts.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

**There are some battles in life that you CANNOT afford to lose.**

1. **Read Isaiah 40:31.** When you are losing hope, Who should you put your HOPE in?
2. How many times do you see the word "will" in this passage?
3. Replace the word "they" in the passage with the word "you" then read Isaiah 40:31 again.
4. What does this verse promise you WILL do if you put your hope in the Lord?
5. **Read James 4:8A.** This passage is an "action" statement. Who is being called to take the first step?
6. **Read Psalm 73:16-17.** What must we do in order to restore our perspective?
7. One of the most powerful weapons that keep us from HOPE is FEAR!  
**Read Psalm 34:4.** What do we need to do to COMBAT FEAR and REBUILD our confidence?
8. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:58.**  
Brothers and Sisters, \_\_\_\_\_!  
Let \_\_\_\_\_move you!  
Always give yourself\_\_\_\_\_ to the work of the Lord.  
**Your labor in the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_in vain!**

**PRAY ABOUT IT:** Pray for one another that we will continue to keep our HOPE in the Lord! Pray for a Renewal of Strength and Perspective and Confidence and that NOTHING WILL MOVE US!!