**MAY 10/11, 2014**

**50 Days of Unleashing**

**HOPE**

“And now these three remain: faith, **hope** and love.”

**1 CORINTHIANS 13:13**

**FOUNDATION #1 – Recharge Your Batteries - MARK 1:32**

**FOUNDATION #2 – Raise Your Expectations - JUDGES 6**

**FOUNDATION #3 – Refocus on the Future**

**(A Study of Jochebed, Hannah and Sarah)**

**Three Context Questions:**

1. What do these Old Testament leaders have in common?

* Their passion replaced great discouragement
* They navigated great **COMEBACKS** in impossible circumstances
* They were fueled by God’s grace and **FUTURE VISION**

1. What sets them apart?

* Instead of “this is impossible,” they said, “**WHAT CAN THIS BECOME**?”

1. Why should I master this material?

* To walk in hope, everyone needs to learn to be like a really great **MOM**

*“Strength and dignity are her clothing,*

*and she smiles at the future.”* **PROVERBS 31:25 (NAS)**

**THE POWER OF FUTURE FOCUS**

1. **JOCHEBED** – The little known mother who **ENDED SLAVERY**

*“The name of Amram’s wife was Jochebed, a descendant of Levi, who was born to the Levites in Egypt. To Amram she bore* ***Aaron, Moses and their sister Miriam****.”* **NUMBERS 26:59**

*“Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. Then Pharaoh’s daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. ‘This is one of the Hebrew babies,’ she said. Then his sister asked Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?’ ‘Yes, go,’ she answered. So the girl went and got the baby’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.’ So the woman took the baby and nursed him.”* **EXODUS 2:1-9**

**Refocusing on the Future:**

1. **HANNAH** – The little known mother who **BUILT AN ARMY**

*“And she made a vow, saying, ‘O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then* ***I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life,*** *and no razor will ever be used on his head.’”* **1 SAMUEL 1:11**

*“As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, ‘How long will you keep on getting drunk? Get rid of your wine.’ ‘Not so, my lord,’ Hannah replied, ‘I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer****; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD.*** *Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.’ Eli answered, ‘Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.’”*

**1 SAMUEL 1:12-17**

**Refocusing on the Future:**

1. **SARAH** – The laughing mother who believed a **PROMISE** and **GAVE BIRTH** to a nation

*“Ephron the Hittite was sitting among his people and he replied to Abraham in the hearing of all the Hittites who had come to the gate of his city. ‘No, my lord,’ he said. ‘Listen to me; I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. I give it to you in the presence of my people. Bury your dead.’ Again Abraham bowed down before the people of the land and he said to Ephron in their hearing, ‘Listen to me, if you will.* ***I will pay the price of the field. Accept it from me so I can bury my dead there.’****”* **GENESIS 23:10-13**

*“Ephron answered Abraham, ‘Listen to me, my lord; the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver, but what is that between me and you? Bury your dead.’”* **GENESIS 23:14-15**

*“Abraham agreed to Ephron’s terms and weighed out for him the price he had named in the hearing of the Hittites: four hundred shekels of silver, according to the weight current among the merchants.”* **GENESIS 23:16**

**Refocusing on the Future:**

**Final Thought:**

What can your life **BECOME**?

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Curt would like Serve Day to be BIGGER….

Refuel Devotionals

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Video Teaching

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Memory Verse

“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.”

**PHILIPPIANS 3:13**