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Understanding the Context to Paul's Prayers in Romans 15 - Part 6

Paul's Prayer in Romans 15:13

In believing: As our eyes are fixed on Jesus—His leadership and promises—and we understand that His eyes are on us, we grow in peace with confidence in Him, having a strong sense of security.

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Romans 12:2

That we may abound in hope: We ask for an impartation of hope or certainty about the future. This includes grasping more clearly what His plans are and what He is saying about our personal life, family, marriage, children, parents, finances, ministry, city, nation, etc., even in the face of difficult circumstances. He is doing far better than we currently understand.

We may have 70 years on earth, but God's glorious plan for us continues for billions of years.

“We do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen... the things which are not seen are eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

1. We ask the Spirit to fill us with hope that He is watching us, that He will intervene, that victory is certain, and that He remembers all that we have done in seeking to obey Him.
2. We will receive a 100-fold recovery of all that we lost in persecution.

“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you... for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven...”

Matthew 5:11-12

By the power of the Holy Spirit: We do not have the strength to sustain a positive mindset with confidence without the inspiration of Spirit given individually and corporately. He supernaturally gives us hope from the written Word and by prophetic dreams and visions directly and from others.