



Audacity of Hope

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Key Definitions

- **Audacity**
 - Daring spirit, resolution or confidence; venturesome
 - Shameless boldness
 - Bold or insolent heedlessness of restraints, as of those imposed by...
 - **Synonyms:**
 - Nerve, spunk, grit
 - Heart
- **Hope**
 - To wish for something with expectation of its fulfillment
 - To look forward to with confidence and trust

The audacity to:

- **H**ave a big vision
- **O**vercome failure
- **P**erceive the best in every situation
- **E**xpect to receive

Have a big vision

- Dreams lead to goals
- Goals lead to activities
- Activities lead to results
- Results lead to possession
- The best is yet to come

Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Proverbs 29:18a (King James Version)

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish.



Habakkuk 2:2-3 (Contemporary English Version)

2Then the LORD told me: "I will give you my message in the form of a vision. Write it clearly enough to be read at a glance. 3At the time I have decided, my words will come true. You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time, but keep on waiting-- it will happen!

Overcome failure

- I got fired
- Jesus was crucified

Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written:

“ For Your sake we are killed all day long;

We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Perceive the best in every situation

- Muhammad Ali
- You have to say it to see it
- You have to see it to believe it
- You have to believe it to receive it

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

1 Corinthians 13:12-13

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Expect to receive

Luke 8:43-48

Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched



Me?" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

Mark 2:1-5

And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."