

The Persuaded Heart
"Persuaded God is Good and Faithful"
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Examples:

1. Abraham – Romans 4:17-21 "fully persuaded = to carry out fully, completely assure or convince, fully know/persuade"
2. Joshua – Joshua 1:1-9 "strong = to fasten upon, to seize, obstinate, hold fast, be established" – "courage = be alert, strong, establish, fortify"
3. Ephesians 4:11-16; I Peter 5:6-11

Persuaded

1. God's Word is the Truth
2. God is Good and Faithful
3. Of Our Identity
4. Of Our Authority
5. Of God's Presence and Present Day Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Video: Bible Project – Hope

Hope is based on the Character of God...

Abraham's hope/expectation to receive the promise was based on his being fully persuaded God is good and God is faithful.

Joshua's hope/expectation to possess the land was based on his being fully persuaded God is good and He is faithful.

1. God is good
 - Genesis 1:10,12,18,21,25,31 "Everything God made was good = good or good thing, beautiful, best, be in favor, kindness, prosperity, pleasant, wealth, well favored
 - Psalm 34:8-10 "Taste = to taste, perceive; and see = appear, discern, make to enjoy; that the Lord is good..."
 - ✓ David is in the cave with the debtors, discontented, and distressed and he knows their hearts need to become persuaded that God is good for them to come out of their defeat.
 - John 10:10-15
 - ✓ The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy (people, marriages, relationships, resources, health, etc., etc., etc.)
 - ✓ Jesus has come to give life and that more abundantly = superabundant in (quantity) or superior in (quality), excessive, beyond measure, advantage, preeminence
 - ✓ Good = beautiful, good, virtuous, worthy, better
 - ✓ Ezekiel 34