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Part 1 – Enough of the Bad News
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What optimism is not...

- It is not a _____ of _____.
- It is not _____.

What optimism is...

- It is _____ about the future or a successful outcome.

Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*

Key Definition

Optimism is the unwavering expectation that our loving God is working in every situation for our future good!

Romans 8:28 *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

1. What _____ your mind, _____ your life!

- Think about what you _____!

Proverbs 23:7a *For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.* (NKJV)

Romans 12:2 *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

- Switch your _____!

Philippians 4:8 *Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

2. _____ your faith, _____ your fears!

Isaiah 41:10 *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

- Get into Scripture, so _____ you!

Hebrews 12:1-2a *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.*

- The _____ has already been _____!

John 16:33 *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

Romans 8:38-39 *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

3. The _____ is worth it all!

Romans 8:18 *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*

1 Peter 4:13 *But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.*

Conclusion: _____ positive!

All scripture references are NIV unless otherwise noted.