

HOPE WITH US | WEEK #05

Prison Yard of Hope | December 10th

WHAT'S THE ISSUE ANYWAY?

Hopeless circumstances often create hopeless people: _____ of hopelessness.

WHAT WISDOM DOES ANNA OFFER US?

Anna was a prisoner of _____. (Zechariah 9:12)

Anna was chained to _____ circumstances. (Luke 2:36)

Anna was chained to the _____ of the Divine _____. (Luke 2:37)

Anna was chained to _____ looking for a better future: the _____
of Jerusalem. (Luke 2:38)

DON'T MISS THIS!

Prisoners of hope show patience in _____, perseverance in _____,
and anticipation for the time of _____. (Romans 12:12)

HOW CAN I BECOME A PRISONER OF HOPE IN MY EVERYDAY, NORMAL LIFE?

Remember that hopeless circumstances do not create hopeless _____.

_____ seek the power of the Divine presence.

Connect with others who share your circumstances _____ vision.

HOW DOES THIS MAKE ME A BETTER PERSON AND THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE?

Prisoners of hope _____ strength and perseverance in us.

WHAT IS GOD INVITING YOU INTO TODAY?

1. (Re)discover a faith I can love by joining the next Fresh Perspective Conversation Group.
2. Establish a daily practice that will help keep me connected to the power of the divine presence.
3. Look for other hopeful people experiencing similar hopeless circumstances.

THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS:

1. Discuss the common assumption mentioned in the sermon: that hopeless circumstances often lead to hopeless people. How prevalent is this assumption in society?
2. Consider the historical events mentioned in Anna's life. How do you think living through such tumultuous times affected her perspective on hope?
3. Reflect on Anna's commitment to worship, fasting, and prayer in the temple. How does one's connection with the divine impact their ability to maintain hope in challenging circumstances?
4. Discuss the idea that shared circumstances alone might not create hope, but shared vision does. How can individuals with similar challenges come together to foster hope?
5. How does the concept of being a "Prisoner of Hope," as described in the sermon, inspire courage and perseverance in the face of adversity? Can you share personal experiences or examples where you've witnessed or experienced the inspirational impact of hope during challenging times?

