JOURNEY OF HOPE
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I. Heb 6:9-20
A. Journey - Webster - Travel or passage from one place to another
B. Confident - peitho - To believe in, be persuaded or sure to the extent of placing reliance or trust in or on something or someone; be convinced
C. Better - kreissson - Something superior in quality, condition or effect
   1. Rom 15:13 13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

II. Writer’s desire for them: Keys to our journey of HOPE
A. Diligence - spoude - To be eager or ready to expend energy and efforts to do something or accomplish some end
B. Full assurance - plerophoria - Absolutely sure, certain, firmly persuaded and confident
   1. plero - To be completely filled or covered over
   2. phoria - To wear as clothing or constant accompaniment
C. Hope - elpis - Look forward with confident expectation, anticipate
   1. Not full assurance of END RESULTS but of HOPE!
D. End - telos - The point aimed at as a limit, the conclusion or result
E. Sluggish - nothros - Lazy, slow to become involved and apathetic
F. Imitate - mimetes - Follow as a pattern, copy the words and behavior of another
G. Faith - pistis - State of certainty in regard to belief; complete trust and reliance
H. Patience - makrothumia - State of emotional calm in the face of misfortune, or provoking without complaint or irritation
I. Inherit - kleronomeo - To be an heir; to receive something given, to gain possession by legal right from someone after their death

III. V13-20 - Example to Imitate - Abraham
A. Promise - epangellomai - A verbal commitment with certainty by one person to another agreeing to do (or not to do) something in the future
B. Patently endured - makrothumeo - To exhibit internal & external control; be even tempered & patient while enduring trying circumstances; long-minded, long-suffering
   1. Rom 8:29 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

IV. God’s Promise brings Hope and Stability
A. Immutability - ametathetos - Unchanging nor subject to change
B. Counsel - boule - Purposes, plans or intentions
   1. Jer 29:11 NLT 11 For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.
C. **Confirmed** - *mesiteuo* - Ratified, a mutually accepted agreement between two parties
D. **Oath** - *horkos* - Fence, limit or restraint; A solemn promise; a Divine witness
E. **Consolation** - *paraklesis* - Earnestly supporting, to encourage, comfort
F. **Lay hold** - *krater* - To hold on to, seize, grab; remain firmly committed to
G. **Hope** - *elpis* - Basis of hope, something on which expectations are centered.
H. **Anchor** - *ankura* - Heavy object that prevents a boat or vessel from moving
I. **Sure** - *asphales* - Certain, worthy of being believed beyond doubt
J. **Steadfast** - *bebaios* - Stable, firm, durable, steady

1. **James 1:6-8** - like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind
   a) **Doubting** - *diakrino* - To withdraw or hesitate; to separate from
   b) **Tossed** - *rhipizo* - To be forcibly tossed back and forth
   c) **Double-minded** - *dipsuchos* - Vacillate, two thoughts or desires that oppose one another; indecisiveness
   d) **Unstable** - *akatastos* - Constant motion that cannot be controlled lacking stability or firmness; fickle

V. **APPLICATION:**
   A. Are you confident of better things ahead in your life?
   B. What challenges are you facing in putting on your hope until “the end”?
   C. In what areas have you become lazy spiritually? Lost faith and patience?
   D. What areas do you need to strengthen by resisting temptation?
   E. Is your hope in His promise or in a desired outcome?
   F. Where do you need to “drop anchor” and not be tossed anymore?