

Hope Needed! **1 Chronicles 4:9-10**

Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez saying, "Because I bore him with pain." 10 Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep me from harm that it may not pain me!" And God granted him what he requested.

Verse of the Week:

For I hope in You, O Lord; You will answer, O Lord my God. (Ps 38:15)

I. Jabez is an example of one who *needed* hope. (v.9)

Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez saying, "*Because I bore him with pain.*"

1. Jabez life story started *horribly*.

2. Jabez life ended *wonderfully*.

3. Jabez life changed *dramatically*.

II. Jabez is an example of one who *prayed* for hope.

1. He prayed for the Lord's *provision* in his life.

"Bless me..." "... enlarge my territory!"

2. He prayed for the Lord's *presence* in his life.

"Let Your hand be with me..."

3. He prayed for the Lord's **protection** in his life.

“Keep me from harm so I will be free from pain.

III. Jabez is an example of one who **experienced** hope. (v.10b)

And ***God granted him*** what he requested.

1. Is your past your Past?

Your past is not your **past**, if it's still impacting your **present**.

2. Is it possible you're afraid that God won't be able to really heal you?

Who we were **yesterday** doesn't have to limit who we can be **today!**

3. Is this the time when you allow God to do something within you?

Choice One: If you don't learn to **transform** the pain, you'll just **transfer** it.

