

Grif's Corner

Lately, it seems like every day someone ends a phone conversation, an email or a visit by saying “hope things will get better...” or “hope and pray things get better next year...” or some other statement with the word “hope” in it. So, what is “HOPE”? The dictionary defines HOPE as “to want or expect of something; to have a wish to get or do something or for something to happen or be true, especially something that seems possible or likely”. Psalm 62:5 says “...everything I hope for comes from Him.”



The other question everyone wants to know the answer to is “When will this recession end?” I have been in this business over 35 years and I do not remember any recession lasting this long and, for sure by this time, we would know when the end was in sight. Even the President’s economic advisors disagree on whether the recession has ended.

David Jeremiah, in his book *A Bend in the Road*, writes that sooner or later we will all come to a ‘bend in the road’ that we didn’t expect, couldn’t foresee, didn’t want, didn’t ask for and can’t postpone. We are in a ‘bend in the road.’ Hope invaded the world 2000 years ago at Bethlehem. And, at this Christmas season, if we want that hope to invade our lives in 2010, we must do what the shepherds did so long ago. We must come to Bethlehem and bow before the new born King. He can straighten out the road and make our hopes become a reality.



I wish you and your family a **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** and, as always, thank you for your business.

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