**OPENING THOUGHT: “Man can live about forty days seconds without air…but only for one second without hope.” Author Hal Lindsey**

“A Better Life-Brianna’s Hope” is in the hope giving business and business is booming.

We are witnessing hope being restored and renewed,

We are seeing hope become reality and reality become a better life.

And we know that we know that we know that God is the source of hope.

“ Doing the Stuff”

I want you to hear some of the story of John Wimber. After hearing it years ago it has stuck with me since then.

He was a professional musician who played the Las Vegas circuit for 5 years. He had played drums for the Paramours and then along with Bobby Hatfield and Bill Medley he formed a threesome in the 60’s that was known as the “Righteous Brothers” They had hits like- “Unchained Melody”; “You’ve Lost That Lovin’ Feeling”; “Soul and Inspiration”; “Ebb Tide”; “Rock & Roll Heaven”; and more. (1963-1975)

Understand that when John signed to play keyboard with the Righteous Brothers he had just been gripped by God. He was a self proclaimed “beer-guzzling, drug abusing pop musician, who was converted at the age of 29 while chain-smoking his way through a Quaker led Bible Study.” He soon became a voracious Bible reader and after weeks of reading about life changing miracles in the Bible and attending boring church services, John asked one of the leaders:

“When do we get to do the stuff?”

The leader replied, “What stuff?”

John said, “You know, the stuff here in the Bible; the stuff Jesus did, like healing the sick, raising the dead, healing the blind- stuff like that.”

He was told, “We don’t do that anymore- we only do what we’ve been doing in our weekly services.”

Hear John’s reply, “You mean I gave up drugs for that?”