

Out of the Fire, Hope

In his recently published book *Sometimes You Win, Sometimes You Learn*, author and leadership developer John C. Maxwell writes:

“British clergyman G. Campbell Morgan told the story of a man whose shop had been burned in the great Chicago fire of 1871. The man arrived at the ruins the next morning carrying a table. He set up the table in the midst of the charred debris, and above it placed a sign that said, ‘Everything lost except wife, children and hope. Business will be resumed as usual tomorrow morning.’

“That man’s response is one that I truly admire,” Maxwell said. “After such a heavy loss, where did he get his hope? From his circumstances? Certainly not. From good timing? No. From other victims of the fire? There’s no indication that he did. How many others faced the future with such positive determination? If this man saw a bright future for himself and his family, it was because he made a choice to have hope.”



John Maxwell is absolutely right. Hope is in the DNA of men and women who learn from their losses. When times are tough, they choose hope, knowing that it will motivate them to learn and turn them from victims into victors.

What are you struggling with today? Are you dealing with a loss of some kind? Do you feel smacked down by some adversity or circumstance?

Choose hope and become a victor.

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 (Romans 15:13 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter