



Hope: Hope Is....

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Again Isaiah says, Then, the root of Jesse will emerge – He rises to rule all the peoples of the world who come to Him for guidance and direction. In Him they place their hope. Romans 15:12

And his name will be the hope of all the world.”
Matthew 12:21 (NLT)

Hopeless

Hope deferred makes the heart sick....
Proverbs 13:12a (NRSV)

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Where then is my hope? Who can see any hope for me?
Job 17:15 (HCSB)

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We have all strayed like sheep. Each one of us has turned to go his own way.... Isaiah 53:6 (GW)

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We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life.
2 Corinthians 1:8b (NIV)

Hope Is . . .

- A confident _____ based on something _____

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)

- Something we _____ rather than something we _____

But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more. Psalm 71:14 (NIV)

- The _____ of the soul

We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul.... Hebrews 6:19a (NRSV)

1. Hope requires _____

Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping.... Romans 4:18a (NLT)

Why am I so sad? Why am I so upset? I should put my hope in God and keep praising him, my Savior and my God Psalm 42:11 (NCV)

2. Hope is anchored to _____

You see, the short-lived pains of this life are creating for us an eternal glory that does not compare to anything we know here. So we do not set our sights on the things we can see with our eyes. All of that is fleeting; it will eventually fade away. Instead, we focus on the things we cannot see, which live on and on. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (TV)

We are filled with hope, as we wait for the glorious return of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. Titus 2:13 (CEV)

3. Hope is found in a _____
_____ God

May God, the source of hope, fill you with joy and peace through your faith in him. Then you will overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 (GW)

Rest in God alone, my soul! He is the source of my hope. Psalm 62:5 (NJB)

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

My Next Step Today Is To . . .

- Choose to trust God, putting my hope in Him, by asking Him to begin a relationship with me.
- Admit that I've been trusting on the things that I can see and today I want to return to the place where I know that my anchor is in Him.
- Thank God that he has been my anchor in the storms of my life.
- Meditate and/or memorize Matthew 12:21