



A Real Hope

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*"Let us hold unswervingly to the **hope** we profess, for He who promised is faithful."* **Hebrews 10:23**

HOPE GIVES YOU STRENGTH.

*"Even youths grow tired and weary and young men stumble and fall; 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**

HOPE GIVES YOU ENDURANCE TO KEEP GOING.

"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." **1Thessalonians 1:3**

HOPE BRINGS JOY.

*"May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* **Romans 15:13**

HOPE BRINGS SECURITY.

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." **Hebrews 6:19**

HOPE WITHOUT FAITH IS JUST WISHING.

*"Now **faith** is confidence in what we **hope** for and assurance about what we do not see."* **Hebrews 11:1**

FAITH WITHOUT HOPE IS TEMPORARY.

MISPLACED HOPE...

Can lead to anxiety.	Can lead to anger.
Can lead to selfishness.	Can lead to pride.
Can lead to unmet expectations.	Can lead to inconsistent behavior.
Can lead to hopelessness.	Can lead to depression.
Won't sustain.	

TRUE HOPE...

Can lead to absolute security.	Can lead to healthy confidence.
Can lead to unshakable peace.	Can lead to unexplainable joy.
Can lead to love in action.	Will remain.

MISPLACED HOPE IS NEVER CERTAIN.

HOPE IN CHRIST IS GUARANTEED.

"Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at His coming." **1 Peter 1:13**

So, what do we do?

HAVE HOPE AND STAY FAITHFUL.

"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope." **Psalms 130:5**

BE CONFIDENT IN YOUR HOPE.

Know that God's Promises are certain. They do not fail.

*"Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the Lord. There is surely a future **hope** for you, and your **hope** will not be cut off."* **Proverbs 23:17-18**

BE JOYFUL IN HOPE.

*"Be joyful in **hope**, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."* **Romans 12:12**

FIND HOPE.

KEEP HOPE.

SHARE HOPE.

BE HOPE.

Action:

Spend time this week asking these questions?

1. What people or things do I find myself putting my hope in? Are they misplaced?
2. Do I find myself lacking hope?
3. Do I have hope in God's ultimate promises?

Spend time this week with God in His word finding hope in His promises and ask Him.