HOPE IN THE LORD

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²¹Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: ²²Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:21-23 (NIV)





- Thank God for an answered prayer this week.
- Pray for a heart that keeps hoping in the Lord, no matter what happens.



Engage

Start the conversation with this question...

When you're feeling tired or discouraged, what helps you keep going and not give up?

Key Points

Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Those who follow Jesus have the greatest reason to hope.
- It seems easy to hope in things that fade—like luck, or the skills and connections we think we can depend on—but these will always fall short.
- True hope is found in God alone. We will always encounter trials and situations beyond our control—but Jesus is the only one who can give us real and lasting hope.
- Hope keeps us going even in grief, anxiety, or fear. In Christ, we don't need to pretend to be strong, we can be completely vulnerable, and place our hope and trust in His great love.
- When we hope in God's unchanging love, we can face each new day with courage and joy.

Discuss Together (pick at least one)

- Have you noticed a difference between putting your hope in God versus hoping in other things? What was it like?
- Can you think of a time when trusting God gave you hope and peace even if the situation didn't change right away?
- What's one situation right now where you need a reminder to keep "hoping in the Lord"?
- If a friend was feeling hopeless or scared, how might you try to encourage them?



Declare this truth based on your identity in Christ

Key Truth

In Christ, I can have true and lasting hope, because His love and faithfulness never fail.

Pray Together (pick at least one)

- Thank God that His love never fails, giving us new mercy and hope each day.
- Ask God to help you trust Him completely, even when things don't go as planned.
- Pray for each other's prayer requests.

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Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me? Put
your hope in God, for I will yet praise
him, my Savior and my God.

— Psalm 42:5 (NIV)