



Bible Study
Hope Does Not Disappoint

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Many years ago, I realized that children long to have a happy mother. Our children are growing up in a time when media spreads the gloom and doom of catastrophes, fears and threats. When the mama spreads light and thankfulness - and hope in the darkness, then children feel secure and safe. But when a mama lives darkly, the children harbor fear, insecurity and blame themselves for parents being angry or sad. Women who choose hope and who choose to trust God are those who, instead of cursing the darkness, light a candle. But it is a choice of the will.

What can you do to light a candle in the current darkness of your life?

We live in an imperfect world filled with disappointments, devastation, and difficulty. *Without hope, our lives can feel absolutely purposeless sometimes.* Circumstances will come our way, and we will always have a choice to make. We can choose to give up, or we can choose *hope*.

"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

The God of hope can cause you to overflow with hope. Cling to Him! What is keeping you from fully trusting in Him today?

"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil." Hebrews 6:19

Faith is a choice that requires us to relinquish our fears, doubts and worries into the hands of God.

What do you need to relinquish to the Lord right now?

*Hope gives us the strength to take on our future. However, we have to **choose this hope.***

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
Hebrews 11:1

Read the above verses again.

What is the value of hope in your life right now?

Where does it come from?

How does it guide us?

Do your children watch you in your tests of faith and see you walking in hope and trust as an example to them of how they will need to live their adult lives?