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## SUPERNATURAL HOPE

*"This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls." Hebrews 6:19 NLT*

Without God in this world we are indeed hopeless. We face difficult situations in life that look hopeless, such as a terminal diagnosis, financial bankruptcy, legal battles, and family breakups. When we reach the end of our natural resources, we can feel hopeless. This is when we need hope in God. With God, no situation is ever hopeless!

### WHAT IS HOPE?

Hope is defined in the Bible as "confident expectation." According to Hebrews 11:1, our hope is the blueprint for our faith. "Faith is the substance of things **hoped for**..." Hope is a goal setter for the things we are believing for. Hope forms our faith. Faith needs a purpose, aim or target! Hope is the answer we see in our heart or spirit. Bible hope is not the same as natural hope. People often use the word hope very casually. They say, "I hope things work out," which is wishful thinking based on luck or chance. Natural hope is based on physical and natural facts, but biblical hope is based on spiritual reality and relies on the God of Heaven. Bible hope is a supernatural expectation that God can change your situation. It's having hope beyond the natural or the normal. This is the kind of hope the prophets and apostles relied on and it is also available for you today!

### HOPE WHEN ALL HOPE IS GONE

The Apostle Paul faced many difficult circumstances during his lifetime. One of

the most traumatic was a shipwreck recorded in Acts 27. Paul was being transported to Rome on a merchant ship when a furious storm erupted. After several days of riding out the storm, the Bible says "all **hope** was gone." (Acts 27:20) The entire crew was in danger of losing their lives, but Paul was able to give them all hope. Paul told everyone on board he had a promise from heaven: "God in his goodness has granted safety to everyone sailing with you." (Acts 27:24) These words of hope became the anchor that brought salvation to Paul and his shipmates.

### PUT YOUR HOPE IN GOD

In times of difficulty and discouragement, we can hope in God. The psalmist said "Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my **hope** in God!" (Psalms 42:11 NLT) You can place confidence in what God says. He puts a premium on his Word and promises to fulfill it. Hebrews says "God also bound Himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind." (Hebrews 6:17 NLT) Two things we can rely on: 1) God keeps His promises and 2) It's impossible for God to lie. We can totally rely on God's Word and know that our hope is secure in His promises.

### HOPE EXPECTS THE BEST

Hope always expects the best and sees the answer. Abraham is a good example of someone who had supernatural hope in a naturally hopeless situation. God had promised him descendants, but he and his

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wife were both elderly and his wife also barren. The Bible tells us that “Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham **kept hoping**—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, “That’s how many descendants you will have.” (Romans 4:18 NLT) Abraham never gave up because he trusted in the God of all hope!

**HOPE IS A STABILIZING FORCE**

Ships let down heavy anchors in order to keep the vessel stable and secure. When you are waiting for God’s promises to come to pass, keep your anchor of hope secured! Hope is the anchor that helps you stay focused on the end result, the answer you are expecting. “If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be

not moved away from the **hope** of the gospel.” (Colossians 1:23) The storms of life and winds of change can try to move you, but your anchor of hope will keep you stable. Hope is also an eternal force. I Corinthians 13:13 tells us that hope, along with faith and love, will last forever. God doesn’t want us to be discouraged and hopeless in this world. Instead, He wants us to have abundant hope! “Now the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in **hope**, through the power of the Holy Ghost.” (Romans 15:13)

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