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*“I hope I will be healed soon.”*

“I hope my children will follow the Lord.”

Maybe you’ve uttered words like these without really believing they will come to pass. So often, expressions of hope are laced with

discouragement and doubt, especially in the face of overwhelming loss, repeated failures and betrayals of trust.

No matter how serious your circumstances, they are subject to change, and you can have hope. If you are going through hard times financially, in desperate need to move to a safer neighborhood, or needing a miracle in your marriage, it can all turn around—you *can* have hope.

If you have become weary and need a fresh Word from heaven, here are nine powerful reasons to have hope—no matter what. Also if you have the RUN book please look at pages 43-51 and learn how HOPE is chasing you down today to help you in your story.

## **1. Hope Is a Force That Overcomes**

“Every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God. –1 John 5: 4-5

At this very moment, if you’ve been born again, you have residing on the inside of you three of the greatest forces ever created. These forces have the power to help you overcome any circumstance and change anything in your life.

## **2. Hope Is Already in You**

“At that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no **hope** and without God in the world.” –Ephesians 2:12, *NKJV*

Most people understand how crucial faith and love are, but few understand the importance of hope. They’ve never realized that faith and love can’t function effectively without hope.

## 3. Hope Isn’t a Wish

“**According to my earnest expectation and my hope** that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.” –Philippians 1:20, *NKJV*

## 4. Hope Is Always at Work

“But if we **HOPE** for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.” –Romans 8:25, *NIV*

## 5. Gospel Hope Always Wins

“Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham **KEPT HOPING.**” – Romans 4:18

## 6. Gospel Hope Is NOW

“**NOW** faith is the substance of things hoped for....” –Hebrews 11:1, *KJV*

## 7. Hope Is the Blueprint of Faith

“**Faith** is the substance of things **Hoped** for....” –Hebrews 11:1, *KJV*

Just as the Bible is the blueprint for Christian living, hope is the blueprint of faith. Faith has to have hope to work. Hope has to have faith to produce.

## 8. Hope Always Sees

“...the evidence of things not seen.” –Hebrews 11:1, *KJV*

The unseen things mentioned in Hebrews 11:1 are things seen with the eyes of hope. Hope always sees before the natural eye can. Some people have trouble focusing on those unseen things. They're hung up on what their natural eyes see instead. *After all, they reason, that's reality.*

# 9. Hope Anchors Your Life

“This **HOPE** is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.” —Hebrews 6:19

When a ship is tossed about by the waves and wind of the sea, it relies on one thing—the anchor. An anchor keeps the ship steady—firmly in place. That’s what hope does for you while you’re standing in faith. Maybe you’re believing for something, but the circumstances of life leave you feeling tossed about. Hope is your anchor.

You can’t drift around in hopelessness and live in victory. You have to get in the place of faith and stay there. You have to be stable in hope.