



HOPE

Proverbs 13:12a (NKJV)

Hope deferred makes the heart sick.

Hope = the confident expectation that good is coming = fertile soil for revival

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Our hopelessness about a problem is a bigger problem than the problem – Steve Backlund

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1. Persevere

Romans 5:3-4 (NKJV)

But we also **glory in tribulations** knowing that tribulation produces perseverance and perseverance character and character hope.

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2. Receive the love of God

Romans 5:5 (NKJV)

Now hope does not disappoint, because the **love of God** has been poured out in our hearts by the **Holy Spirit** who was given to us.

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Hosea 2:14-15a (NLT)

But then I will win her back once again. I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her there. I will return her vineyards to her and **transform the valley of trouble into a gateway of hope**.

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3. Value your hope

What do you do with something really valuable?

1. We insure it.
2. We keep it safe.
3. We look for it when it is gone.

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Psalm 23:1-3a (NKJV)

The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. **He restores my soul...**

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4. Make up our minds that God is good**Psalm 27:13 (NKJV)**

I would have lost **heart**, unless I had believed that I would see the **goodness of the Lord** in the land of the living...

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5. Meditating on His promises

Hope is not an optimistic outlook or wishful thinking without any foundation, but a confident expectation based on solid certainty. **Biblical hope rests on God's promises.**

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Romans 4:18-21 (NLT)

Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham **kept hoping**—believing that he would become the father of many nations... And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead...

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and so was Sarah's womb.

Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise.

In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God.

He was **fully convinced** that **God is able to do whatever he promises.**

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6. Waiting upon the Lord

Isaiah 64:4&5 (NKJV)

For since the beginning of the world, men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides You, who acts for the one who waits for Him.