

Refreshing My Hope

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Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled? <u>I will put my hope in God</u>, and <u>once again I will praise him</u>, my Savior and my God. **Psalm 42:5 (GNT)**

You must be patient. Keep your hopes high...

James 5:8 (GNT)

Where Does Hope Come From?

• My hope is based on my faith in what God says.

There was no hope that Abraham would have children, but Abraham <u>believed</u> <u>God</u> and <u>continued to hope</u>. And that is why he became the father of many nations. <u>As God told him</u>, "You will have many descendants."

Romans 4:18 (ERV)

Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, <u>so that we</u> <u>could have hope</u>. That <u>hope comes from</u> the patience and encouragement that the Scriptures give us.

Romans 15:4 (ERV)

4 Reasons I Can Have Hope:

- 1. Because God says my difficulties have a shelf life.
 - No problem comes to stay...<u>it comes to pass</u>.

Everything on earth has its own time and its own season.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (CEV)

The world is <u>passing away</u> with all its desires, but the person who <u>does the</u> <u>will of God remains</u> forever.

1 John 2:17 (NET)

<u>So we don't look at the troubles we can see now;</u> rather, we <u>fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen</u>. For the <u>things we see now will soon be gone</u>, but the things we cannot see will last forever. **2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)**

2. Because God says my difficulties can develop maturity.

Don't run from tests and hardships... As difficult as they are, you <u>will</u> ultimately find joy in them; if you embrace them, <u>your faith will blossom under pressure</u> and teach you true patience as you endure. And true patience brought on by endurance <u>will</u> equip you to complete the long journey and cross the finish line—mature, complete, and wanting nothing. **James 1:2-4 (VOICE)**

3. Because God says my future is in His hands.

Lord, I have hoped in thee... **Psalm 31:1 (WYC)**

My future is in your hands. Psalm 31:15a (GWT)

Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. <u>Everything I plan will</u> <u>come to pass</u>, for I do whatever I wish. **Isaiah 46:10 (NLT)**

Into your hand I entrust my life; you will rescue me, O LORD, the faithful God.

Psalm 31:5 (NET)

4. Because God promises to reward me one day.

Happy are those who <u>remain faithful under trials</u>, because when they succeed in passing such a test, they will receive as their reward <u>the life</u> which God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12 (GNT)

God is so good, and by raising Jesus from death, he has given us new life and a hope that lives on. ⁴ God has something stored up for you in heaven, where it will never decay or be ruined or disappear. ⁵ You have faith in God, whose power will protect you until the <u>last day</u>. Then he will save you, just as he has always planned to do. ⁶ On that day you will be glad, even if you have to go through many hard trials for a while. ⁷ Your faith will be like gold that has been tested in a fire. And <u>these trials will prove</u> that your faith is worth much more than gold that can be destroyed. <u>They will show</u> that you will be given praise and honor and glory <u>when Jesus Christ returns</u>.

1 Peter 1:3b-7 (CEV)

I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times.

Romans 8:18 (MSG)

Those who forget God have no hope. **Job 8:13**a **(LB)**

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength... Isaiah 40:31a (CEB)