

HOPE IN A PERFECT STORM
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Hope keeps us going in the toughest times of life.
Hope gives us the strength and courage to make it through.

Mark 4:38-39 (CEV) “*Jesus was in the back of the boat with His head on a pillow, and He was asleep. His disciples woke Him and said, ‘Teacher, don’t you care that we’re about to drown?’* ³⁹ *Jesus got up and ordered the wind and the waves to be quiet. The wind stopped, and everything was calm.* “

1 Peter 1:3 (TLB) “*Praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is so good, and by raising Jesus from death, He has given us new life and a hope that lives on.*”

Matthew 28:8-10 (NIV) “*So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples.* ⁹ *Suddenly Jesus met them...* ¹⁰ *Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid.’*”

1 Peter 3:14-15 (TEV) “*Do not be afraid of anyone, and do not worry.* ¹⁵ *But have reverence for Christ in your hearts, and honor Him as Lord. Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you.*”

HOPE IS WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT...

1. God is in _____.

Ephesians 1:19-20 (TEV) “*How very great is His power at work in us who believe. This power working in us is the same as the mighty strength* ²⁰ *which He used when He raised Christ from death and seated Him at His right side in the heavenly world.*”

Isaiah 41:10 (NCV) “*So don’t worry, because I am with you. Don’t be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you; I will support you with My right hand that saves you.*”

2. God always keeps His _____!

Numbers 23:19 (GW) “*God is not like people... He doesn’t change His mind. When He says something, He does it. When He makes a promise, He keeps it.*”

Two Main Promises of Easter

• **God’s FDIC = _____ Declared In Christ**

Romans 3:23-24 (CEV) “*All of us have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory.* ²⁴ *But God treats us much better than we deserve, and because of Christ Jesus, He freely accepts us and sets us free from our sins.*”

Romans 3:22 (NLT) “*We are made right in God’s sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done.*”

• **God’s _____ Package.**

1 Corinthians 2:9 (GW) “*No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love Him.*”

1 Peter 1:4-5 (TLB) “*God has reserved for His children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you...* ⁵ *And God, in His mighty power, will make sure that you get there safely to receive it because you are trusting Him.*”

John 1:12-13 (NLT) “*But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God.* ¹³ *They are reborn! This rebirth comes from God.*”

1 Peter 1:21 (NLT) “*Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And because God raised Christ from the dead and gave Him great glory, your faith and hope can be placed confidently in God.*”