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This Changes Everything // Hope and Generosity Change Everything
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Questions

1. Reframe Your Feelings (Name Your Emotions)
Read Psalm 42:1–5. The psalmist acknowledges his emotions but doesn't allow them to determine his hope. Why is it important to recognize and name what we're feeling? How can we acknowledge our emotions while also allowing God's truth to shape our perspective?

2. Realign Your Anchor
Read Hebrews 6:19 and Romans 15:13. We all have a tendency to anchor our hope in something. What are some things we commonly put our hope in other than God? How can we recognize when our hope has become anchored to something that isn't secure?

3. Reheat Your Hope
Read Isaiah 40:31. What are some things that cause our hope to grow cold or fade over time? What practices, relationships, or experiences have helped renew your hope and strengthen your trust in God?

4. Remember Your Future
Read Psalm 42:5. "Future hope activates present faith." How does remembering God's promises for the future change the way we face our circumstances today? Can you share a time when hope in God's future promises gave you the courage to keep going or take a step of faith?

5. Hope Fuels Generosity
Read 2 Corinthians 9:6–12. How does trusting God as our provider free us to live generously? Where might God be inviting you to take a step of faith through generosity with your time, resources, or finances this week?