

HOPE FOR MY FEARS

Hope for the Future: Part 2

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*"Hear my prayer, O LORD...I am losing all hope; I am paralyzed with fear."
(Psalm 143:1,4, NLT)*

WHAT FEAR DOES.

1. IT **DEPRIVES** ME OF BLESSINGS.
2. IT **DIMINISHES** MY FAITH.
3. IT **DISTORTS** THE TRUTH.
4. IT **DAMAGES** MY RELATIONSHIPS.
5. IT **DESTROYS** MY LIFE.

HOW TO OVERCOME OUR FEARS

*"When I am afraid, I will **TRUST** in you..."
(Psalm 56:3, NIV84)*

Take time for God's **PRESENCE**.

"You are my refuge and my shield; your word is my source of hope." (Psalm 119:114, NLT)

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path." (Psalm 119:105, NLT)

"I rise early, before the sun is up; I cry out for help and put my hope in your words." (Psalm 119:147, NLT)

Rely on God's **PROMISES**.

"God's way is perfect. All the LORD's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection." (2 Samuel 22:31, NLT)

"The promises of the LORD can be trusted; they are as genuine as silver refined seven times in the furnace." (Psalm 12:6, GNB)

"Your promises have been thoroughly tested; that is why I love them so much." (Psalm 119:140, NLT)

Understand God's **PASSION**.

“The LORD is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever. He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.” (Psalm 103:8–13, NLT)

Sing God’s PRAISES.

“But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread your protection over them, that all who love your name may be filled with joy. For you bless the godly, O LORD; you surround them with your shield of love.” (Psalm 5:11–12, NLT)

“The one thing I ask of the LORD— the thing I seek most— is to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, delighting in the LORD’s perfections and meditating in his Temple. For he will conceal me there when troubles come; he will hide me in his sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock. Then I will hold my head high above my enemies who surround me. At his sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy, singing and praising the LORD with music.” (Psalm 27:4–6, NLT)

Take shelter in God’s PROTECTION.

“I prayed to the LORD, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears.” (Psalm 34:4, NLT)

“The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.” (Psalm 18:2, NLT)

“Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.” (Psalm 91:1, NLT)

ACTION:
TAKE A STEP OF FAITH!