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Hope: An Anchor in the Midst of A Turbulent Sea

"…we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the **hope** set before us. This **hope** we have as and anchor of the soul, a **hope** both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil." Hebrews 6:18b-19

Intro: "This is one of those times where there are no spectators. We are all participants in events which have spiraled out of control and test us deeply. Are we afraid? Yes, only a fool would not be fearful in the face of an enemy which has lethal capabilities. YET, as believers where do we turn? We know the answer theologically and intellectually; and now we will have our theology tested by our journey through this unknown valley. This trial is going to be a test of our national, personal, spiritual and church character. How we navigate this uncharted territory will refine us in unprecedented ways. We ENCOURAGE you to turn to God, the anchor of our soul." ~ One of our missionaries

I. **Secular hope defined-**(noun) The object of ones desires, wishes, longings or even expectations apart from a direct promise of God. (Acts 16:19; I Cor. 9:10; Philippians 1:20)

II. **Divine hope defined-** (noun) All promises of God yet to be fulfilled as they relate to the people they were promised to. (Titus 2:13; I John 3:3)

III. **The "Grace of hope" (coined by Spurgeon) defined-** (Hopefulness)- (The verb, noun with modifiers) The level of longing, confidence or expectation that an individual places in the object of their hope. (Hebrews 6:11)

Conclusion: How would we apply these definitions to the current situation that we find ourselves in?