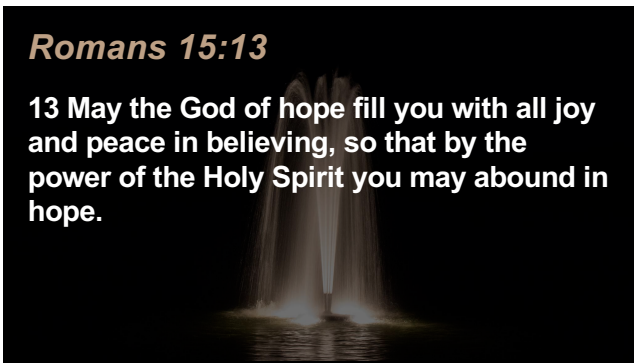
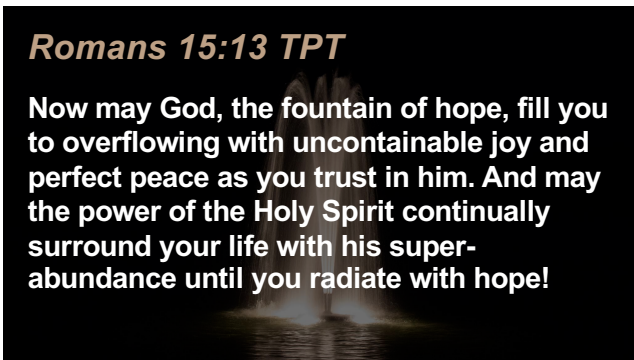




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Why Is Hope so Important?

If our future is not secured and satisfied by God then we are going to be excessively anxious. This results either in paralyzing fear or in self-managed, greedy control. We end up thinking about ourselves, our future, our problems and our potential, and that keeps us from loving.

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Hopium

a drug that causes people to get high on false hope

"Hope" "Change We Can Believe In"
"Yes, we Can"

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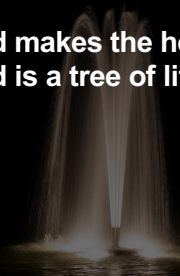
False Hope Is Dangerous

False hope is more devastating than false fears because the future will reveal the truth in both and false hopes have a profoundly demoralizing affect.

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Proverbs 13:12

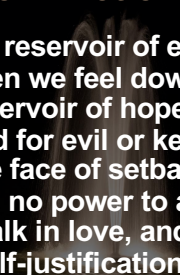
Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.



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Reservoir of Emotional Strength

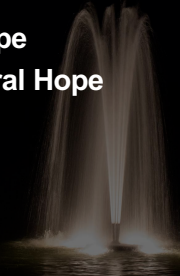
Hope is like a reservoir of emotional strength. When we feel down, we look to the emotional reservoir of hope for the strength to return good for evil or keep pushing forward in the face of setbacks. Without hope we have no power to absorb the wrong and walk in love, and we sink into self-pity or self-justification.



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Two Fountains of Hope

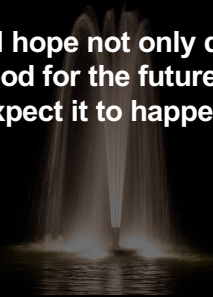
- 1. Natural Hope
- 2. Supernatural Hope



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Supernatural Hope

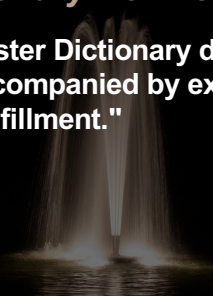
“Supernatural hope not only desires something good for the future, it grows to confidently expect it to happen.”



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Hope Dictionary Definition

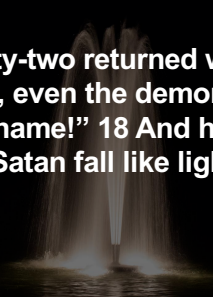
Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines hope as "desire accompanied by expectation of or belief in fulfillment."



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Luke 10

17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" 18 And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.



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Luke 10

19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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Hebrews 11:1 KJV

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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Hope and Faith

Hope is based on the goodness of God in the future.

Faith is confidence today in what we hope for in the future.

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Faith Experiences Future Joys

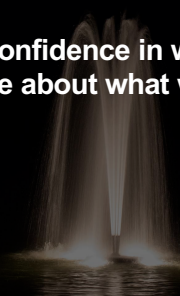
Faith embraces God's promises as real things and experiences the joy of those things today before they ever materialize.



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Hebrews 11:1 NIV

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.



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Fountains of Hope

1. God's Plans



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Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

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The Best Laid Plans of Mice and Men

The phrase “the best laid plans of mice and men” essentially means that no matter how well prepared we may feel, our plans may still fall apart due to circumstances outside of our control.

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James 4

13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— 14 yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

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James 4

15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

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Psalm 94:17-19 NLT

Unless the Lord had helped me, I would soon have settled in the silence of the grave. I cried out, "I am slipping!" but Your unfailing love, O Lord, supported me. When doubts filled my mind, Your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer.

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Romans 15:13

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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