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🥍 Galatians 4

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

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Hebrews 6

11 And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.



Uses of the Word Hope

- 1. A desire for something good in the future
- 2. The thing in the future that we desire
- 3. The basis or reason for thinking that our desire may indeed be fulfilled.
- 4. Supernatural Hope

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Two Reservoirs of Hope

- 1. Natural Hope
- 2. Supernatural Hope

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Romans 4:18-22

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Romans 4:18-22

19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

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Romans 4:18-22

20 No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness."



Supernatural Hope

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

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Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

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1 Corinthians 13

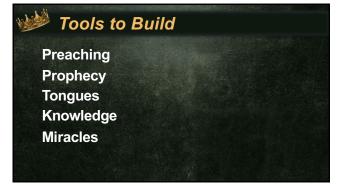
8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.



1 Corinthians 13

12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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Ephesians 4

13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

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Ephesians 4

15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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Goals

- 1. All attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God
- 2. Mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ
- 3. No longer carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.



Goals

- 4. Speak the truth in love
- 5. Grow up in every way into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together
- 6. Grow so that [the body] builds itself up in love.

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Hope Eternal

The English poet Alexander Pope wrote, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast: Man never is, but always to be blest." But where does man turn when hope dries up?

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Hope Forsaken Land

"Look for your friends but do not trust to hope; it has forsaken these lands."

Eomer
The Two Towers
Lord of the Rings Series



Psalm 42:5

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation

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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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Titus 2

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,



Titus 2

13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

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