

INTENTIONAL HOPE

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Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her! (Luke 1:45)

Promise

Tension

Provision

Optimism: To see outcomes with a positive or favoring result

Hope: To sit patiently, trusting in a person

- Hope is not in circumstances or outcomes; hope is in a Person.
- Optimism minimize's circumstances while Hope maximizes character

Luke 1:39-45

- Mystery feels like Misery
- Believe in the Potential but hope in the Person
- Don't put your hope in outcomes put it in the one who overcomes

Rom 15:13

- Trust is the Test of Hope
- The greater the TRUST the greater the OVERFLOW of hope

Jer 17:5-8; Rom 8:24-26, 15:4; Exo 32:1

- Trust sets you up for patience
- Optimism wants to move ahead by looking ahead
- Hope want to move ahead by looking back

Hope is Transferred Through:

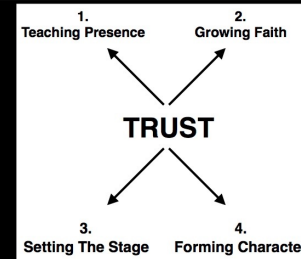
- Presence
- Prayer
- Provision

Trust Increases Your Surface Area For Hope

Promise

Process

Provision



QUESTIONS

1. What is hope?
 - a. What verses can you come up with that explain "hope"
 - b. What is the difference between hope and optimism?
2. What are the indicators in your life that you're hope is in an outcome and not in the Person?
3. What does it look like practically to be an agent of hope?
4. Who in your life needs hope? What is something you could do over the holiday season to extend your hope to them?