

A group of people are gathered around a wooden table in a casual setting. On the table, there is a cup of coffee, some fruit (apples and oranges), and a small bowl of snacks. A large green plant is visible in the background. The word "BREATHING" is overlaid in large, bold, white, italicized capital letters across the center of the image.

BREATHING

THE WORD IN & THROUGH US



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“But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way.”

– Acts 19:9

BREATHING

“This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.”

– Acts 19:10

BREATHING

“One day the evil spirit answered them, ‘Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?’”

– Acts 19:15

BREATHING

“When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor.”

– Acts 19:17

BREATHING

“A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.”

– Acts 19:19-20

BREATHING

“He sent two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus.”

– Acts 19:22

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“About that time there arose a great disturbance
about the Way.”

– Acts 19:23

BREATHING

“There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited; and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty.”

– Acts 19:27

BREATHING

“The assembly was in confusion: Some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there.”

– Acts 19:32

BREATHING

“And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.”

– Acts 20:22-24

BREATHING

“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.”

– Acts 20:28-31

BREATHING

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope.”

– 1 Timothy 1:1

BREATHING



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***HOPE, IDENTIFIED AS
CULTURAL HOPE, IS
MERELY AN OPTIMISTIC
DESIRE THAT SOMETHING
WILL BE FULFILLED.***

BREATHING

WORLDLY HOPE SAYS:

I HOPE SO...

FAITH HOPE SAYS:

I HOPE...SO

BREATHING

***WORLDLY HOPE IS BASED
ON CIRCUMSTANCES.***

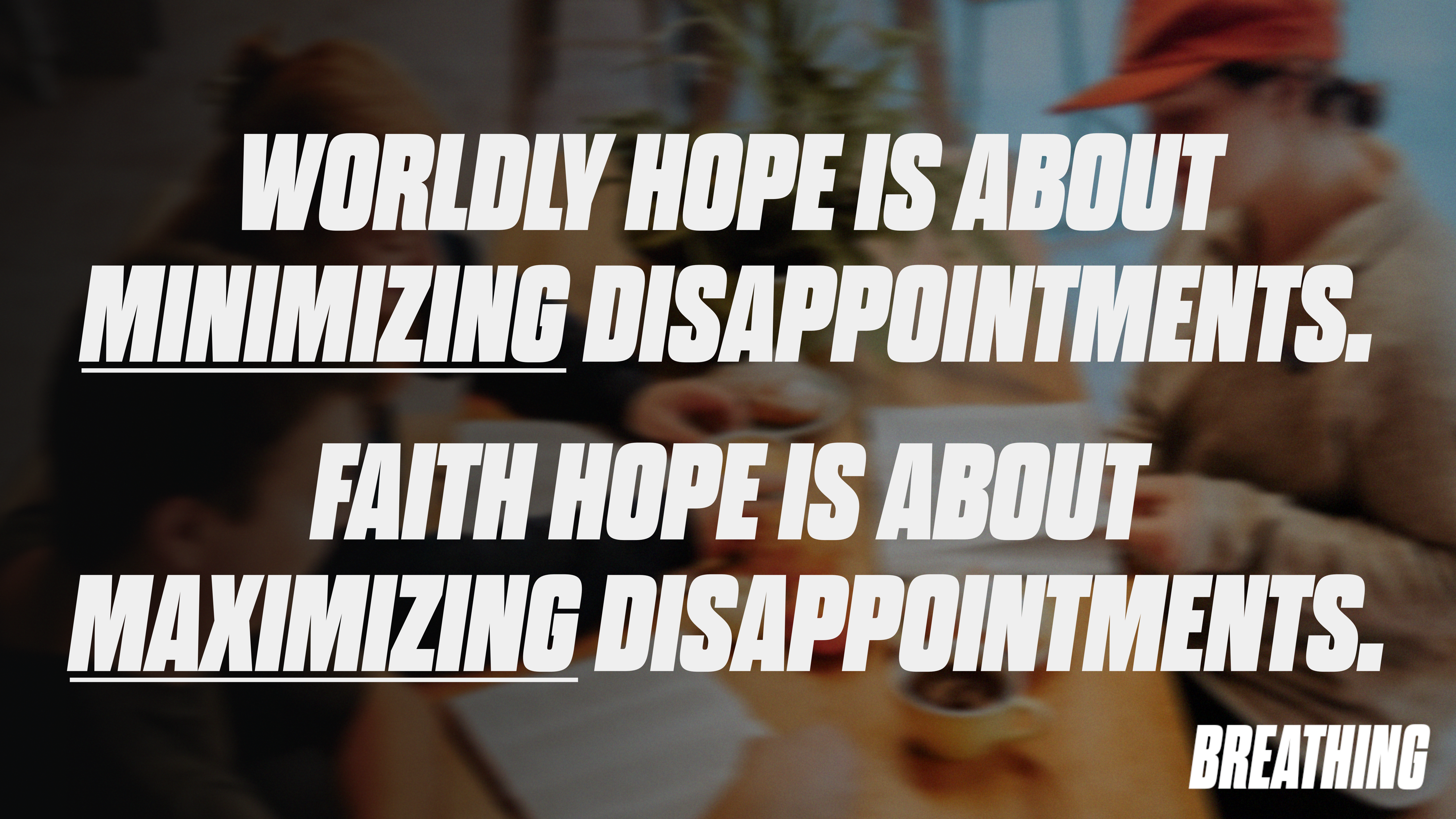
***FAITH HOPE IS BASED
ON CHARACTER.***

BREATHING

***WORLDLY HOPE IS FOCUSED
ON A DESIRED OUTCOME.***

***FAITH HOPE IS FOCUSED
ON A DESIRED OUTLOOK.***

BREATHING



**WORLDLY HOPE IS ABOUT
MINIMIZING DISAPPOINTMENTS.**

**FAITH HOPE IS ABOUT
MAXIMIZING DISAPPOINTMENTS.**

BREATHING

***WORLDLY HOPE IS ABOUT
NARROW EXPECTATIONS.***

***FAITH HOPE IS ABOUT
WIDE ANTICIPATIONS.***

BREATHING



**HOPE IS MORE ABOUT
CHOICE THAN CHANGE.**

BREATHING



***MIS-PLACED HOPE REVEALS
AN IN-PLACE IDOL.***

BREATHING



BREATHING

***WHAT GOD USES TO
BUILD YOUR FAITH IS
DISAPPOINTMENT, AND
WHAT THE DEVIL USES
TO DESTROY YOUR FAITH
IS DISAPPOINTMENT.***

BREATHING

***DELAYS ARE THE
CURING PROCESS
FOR THE CEMENT
OF OUR FAITH
FOUNDATION.***

BREATHING



DON'T REPLACE HOPING
WITH COPING.

BREATHING



***WHAT YOU CALL A HARDSHIP,
HEAVEN CALLS A HARVEST.***

BREATHING

“We are refugees from the sinking ship of this present world order, so soon to disappear; our hope is fixed in the eternal order, where the promises of God are made good to His people”

– F.F. Bruce

BREATHING

“As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies.”

– 1 Timothy 1:3-4

BREATHING

DEVOTE (PROSECHO)

“Pay attention”

BREATHING

PROSECHO

To moor a ship, to tie it up. Prosecho was also used to mean “to remain on course”.

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“Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk.”

– 1 Timothy 1:6

BREATHING

A blurred background image showing two people sitting at a table. On the table, there is a potted plant with green leaves and a cup of coffee. The person on the right is wearing a brown jacket and a red hat. The person on the left is wearing a dark jacket. The overall scene is dimly lit and out of focus.

“VAIN JANGLING”

BREATHING

“...and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine.”

– 1 Timothy 1:10

BREATHING

SOUND (HUGIAINO)

“hygiene”

BREATHING

“Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.”

– 1 Timothy 1:18-19

BREATHING



WAYS WE SHIPWRECK OUR FAITH:

When We Replace the Authority of God's Word with the Authority of our Self.

When We Replace the truth of God with lies about God.

When We Replace Worship with Worry.

When We Replace God-pleasing with Self-pleasing.

When We Replace Gripping with Griping.

When We Replace a Spirit Conscience with a Seared Conscience.

When We Replace Conviction with Compromise.

When We Replace Hoping with Coping.

BREATHING

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What area of your life are you struggling to find hope?
2. What area of your life are you finding hope
3. How would you explain the difference between hope and optimism?
4. Is there any part of your faith you feel is on a path to shipwreck?
5. What false teachings do you see the church facing today?

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