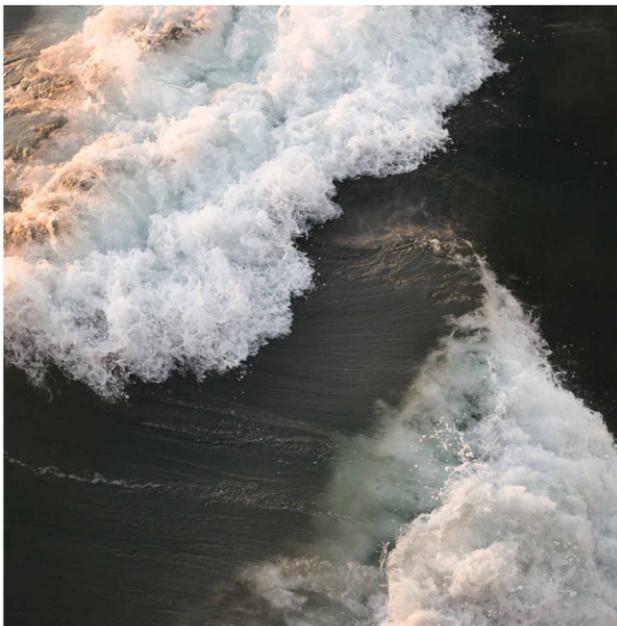




Hope in the storm





Where is *hope*
when the storms are raging?

Disappointments in life often shake our hope. When things go wrong and everything doesn't make sense, hope usually gets left behind. Yet, this hope is what connects us to God. Hope anchors us to His love and power that can change everything.

You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety. You will lie down, with no one to make you afraid, and many will court your favor.

Hope isn't just a nice idea or a wishful thought. It anchors us to the powerful love-filled source of God. Hope says that things may not be great right now but as we stay connected to God, He's going to come through for us powerfully. He has more planned for us than we do for ourselves.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)



And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Romans 5:5 (NLT)

When we're in the midst of the storm, it's easy to let it consume us. It's natural to let it get us down. As we look away from the storm and turn our attention to what God's doing, we find hope.

Just like when the disciples looked up and saw Jesus walking on water. The very thing the disciples feared and couldn't control. As the disciples looked up, they found hope in Jesus.

Today, we may not see Him visibly but as we look up to Him in hope, we'll find the faith to carry on. We'll discover that He can redeem us from everything that feels so real and overwhelming. In the midst of every storm is a Saviour who gives us hope.



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

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping — believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, “That’s how many descendants you will have!”

Romans 4:18 (NLT)

Abraham was 100 years old and had no reason to hope for a child, apart from the fact that God had promised him. Abraham held on to this promise despite how impossible it seemed. God came through for Abraham.

Today, God will come through for you too.

The bible is filled with God’s promises for you to hold on to. As you let His word inspire hope and strengthen your relationship with Him, you’ll begin to see your life transformed. You may have been waiting for a long time like Abraham but *it’s never too late to put your hope in God.*



Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm,
for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

Hebrews 10:23 (NLT)



Even in the toughest moments when we can barely muster the faith or strength, He is faithful. Our hope isn't rooted in our own faith but in His faithfulness. God's desire is to bring us through the pain and to the promises. He'll be faithful to carry us through. Sometimes the best breakthroughs in life take a little more time than we plan but God will always come through. He keeps His promise.



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.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

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