

Hope When Life Hurts: Hope for Loss & Grief

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Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Matthew 5:4

[Jesus said] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

We can have hope in times of loss & grief because...

1. JESUS PROMISED

John 16:33

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

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2. JESUS WALKS & GRIEVES WITH US

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

13 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

John 11:32-35

32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. 35 Jesus wept.

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3. JESUS IS OUR HOPE

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

John 11:21-26

21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Romans 8:16

16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.