

## Hope in Every Season

Before you begin, write a short definition of **hope** in your own words.

As you read each Scripture reference below, pay attention to how people hold on to God and how their hope shapes their actions. You can also compare your idea of hope with this working definition:

**Hope is trusting that God will be faithful to His character and His promises in the future, even when I can't see how yet.**

As you study, consider each of the following questions:

- What need, struggle, or longing is present in or behind this passage?
- How does this passage show that God (or Jesus) is the true source of hope?
- What does this passage teach me about what God has done, is doing, or will do for His people?
- How does this passage invite me to respond when I face discouragement, fear, temptation, or waiting?

When you finish, write a new or refined definition of hope that reflects what you've discovered.

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| Genesis 15:1-6    | Genesis 50:15-21     | 1 Samuel 1:9-20; 2:1-2 |
| 1 Samuel 17:32-47 | 2 Chronicles 20:1-20 | Job 19:23-27           |
| Psalms 42         | Lamentations 3:19-26 | Habakkuk 3:17-19       |
| Isaiah 40:27-31   | Luke 2:25-32         | Mark 5:21-43           |
| Luke 7:36-50      | John 4:7-29          | Luke 23:39-43          |
| Acts 16:22-34     | Romans 5:1-5         | 1 Peter 1:3-9          |

### Digging Deeper: What Kind of Hope Is This?

For each of the previous passages, think about what kind of need God met and the type(s) of hope being shown.

- **Waiting hope** trusts God's timing when nothing seems to be changing.
- **Rescuing hope** looks to God to deliver from danger, enemies, or impossible odds.
- **Comforting hope** holds on to God's presence and promises in grief, suffering, or loss.
- **Repentant hope** turns back to God believing He can forgive, restore, and start again.
- **Resurrection hope** trusts that God brings life out of death and good out of what is broken.
- **Covenant hope** clings to specific promises God has made, even across generations.
- **Everyday hope** depends on God for daily strength, guidance, and provision.
- **Kingdom hope** longs for the day God makes all things new and sets everything right.

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Hope is not positive thinking or a wish for better days.

**Hope is trust in a God who keeps His promises.**