

GET YOUR
HOPES



UP

Part 2: How to Be Okay When Everything Else Isn't

Hope comes from COUNTING on God's CHARACTER

I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people, and I will hope in your name, for your name is good. - Psalm 52:9 (NIV)

Yahweh Shammah = God who is PRESENT

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? You seem far from saving me, far away from my groans. My God, I call to you during the day, but you do not answer. I call at night; I am not silent.
- Psalm 22:1-2 (NCV)

Danger: What I FEEL defines what's REAL

Big Idea:

Evidence of God's Presence

1. He is present because He CHOSE ME

I have chosen you and have not turned against you. Don't worry, because I am with you. Don't be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you; I will support you with my right hand that saves you. - Isaiah 41:9-10 (NCV)

You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. - John 15:16 (NLT)

2. He is present because He IS IN ME

Hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. - Romans 5:5 (NIV)

Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." - Acts 2:38 (NLT)

3. He is present because He PROMISED ME

"Be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:20 (NLT)

WHAT'S NEXT?

My decision today

- I received Christ for the first time
- I recommitted my life to Christ

Next step

- I would like to be baptized
- I would like to join Starting Point
- I would like to join a LifeGroup
- I would like to talk to a pastor

Get involved

- I want to help in setup ministry
- I want to help in kid's ministry
- I want to help in tech ministry
- I want to help with break-down

Prayer Requests / Questions