



## HOPE IN CHRIST

Romans 15:12 (NKJV) <sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says: "There shall **be a root of Jesse**; And He who **shall rise to reign over the Gentiles**, **In Him the Gentiles shall hope.**"

## HOPE

Hope changes the atmosphere within us, and ultimately around us.



## WHEN HOPE CAME DOWN

Romans 15:13 (NKJV) <sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with **all joy and peace in believing**, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## HOPE

Hope creates an environment where faith can flourish.

## HOPE SHINES A LIGHT

Luke 2:8-12 *Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock **by night**. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and **the glory of the Lord shone around them**, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them,*

## HOPE SHINES A LIGHT

***“Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. “For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.***

***“And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”***

## HOPE SHINES A LIGHT

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: **“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”***

## HOPE DEFINED

- *Hope is a confident expectation that good is coming.*
- *Hope is a confident expectation based on solid certainty.*

## HOPE OUR SAFETY NET

**Hope is the safety net where faith can grow.**

## INCREASING HOPE LEVELS?

### **1. Hope is a Person.**

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### 2. Hope only in God

Habakkuk 3:17-18 *Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls — Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.*

## INCREASING HOPE LEVELS?

### 3. Speak to your soul

Psalm 42:5 *Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him For the help of His countenance.*

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