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**How Hope Changes
My Life**
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One of the most important things I can do for others is...

Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the LORD. Psalm 31:24 (NIV)

#1 Hope sets me free from my past.

My sin doesn't define me anymore.

Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. 1 Corinthians 6:11

I don't have to stay the same.

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17

#2 Because of hope I can bounce back from my mistakes.

You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. Genesis 50:20



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#3 Because of hope I am free to look to the future.

This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Elijah sat down under a solitary broom tree and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." 1 Kings 19:3-4

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing. 1 Kings 19:12

Then the Lord told him, "Go back the way you came, and travel to the wilderness of Damascus. When you arrive there, anoint Hazael to be king of Aram. Then anoint Jehu to be king of Israel, and anoint Elisha to replace you as my prophet." 1 Kings 19:15-17

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

For time in your LifeGroup or someone with whom you can grow...

Talk about how and why "giving hope" is one of the most important things you can do for others.

What are ways someone has given you hope this week? How did it make you feel?

Look at 1 Kings 19:1-17. What kinds of things do you see happening here? Can you relate to what Elijah was going through?

How has God given you 'confident hope' (Romans 15:13)?

Talk about someone to whom God is leading you to "give hope" this week. No need to share their name, just commit to the group and yourself that you will be involved in some way.

This message series is from The Hope Quotient, by Ray Johnston. A great book and we encourage you to purchase it!