

HOPE

Changes Everything

Refocus on the Future
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In what area of my life do I need more hope?

Hope is an assurance that a loving God is in control of life and my life and that no matter if good or bad happens, He is in charge and it is OK.

But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more.
Psalm 71:14 (NIV)

One thing I do, forgetting what is behind, I look forward to what is ahead.
Philippians 3:13

Crazy good question for my life:

What can this become?

In situations...

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13 (NLT2)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Philippians 4:4 (NIV)

And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear. Philippians 1:12-14

But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, Philippians 1:18 (NIV)

God is in this situation bringing out His work and revealing who He is for His glory and His gospel.

People...

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:16-17 (NIV)

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. Matthew 9:9 (NIV)

God is in this person bringing out His work in their lives, making them more and more into the image of Jesus.

Me.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Beware of spending too much time looking back at what you once were when God wants you to become something you never have been.
-Oswald Chambers

For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. Romans 8:19 (NLT2)

God is in my life, changing me to be His person for His purpose in my world.

For time with your LifeGroup and to discuss with people who are in your life to help you grow.

Why is the question, "What can this become?" so good?

Read together Philippians 1:12-26. Talk about how Paul can have so much hope. How do we get to that point where we can be so hopeful?

Talk about the area in your life that needs more "hope". Pray together about it.