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Daring to Hope
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A person of hope sees that the glass is held firmly in God's hands.

*He has led me into darkness, shutting out all light.
He has turned his hand against me again and again, all day long.
He has besieged and surrounded me with anguish and distress.
And though I cry and shout, he has shut out my prayers.
He has filled me with bitterness and given me a bitter cup of sorrow to drink.*

*Everything I had hoped for from the LORD is lost!
I will never forget this awful time. Lamentations 3:2-18*

Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: the faithful love of the LORD never ends. 3:21-22

*The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; [inheritance is what you look forward to]therefore, I will hope in him!"
The LORD is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him. Lamentations 3:22-25 (NLT2)*

What happens when I have hope?

...I can get started again

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31



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...I can live with _____

...I can go on.

*In His great mercy, He's given us new birth into a **living hope** through the resurrection of Christ Jesus from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3*

"Those who hope in Me will not be disappointed." Isaiah 49:23

For my LifeGroup and time with other believers as we grow together...

How is "hope" more than wishful thinking? Take a few minutes and talk together about how a hope in God begins and then solidifies.

Read Lamentations 3:1-20. What do you see here regarding problems and have you ever felt this way?

Now Read Lamentations 3:21-26. How does hope form? What do you see regarding hope through a relationship with God?

Who among you needs encouragement and hope? Take time to pray together.