



## Allen's Story

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Hope is the confidence that a loving God is in charge of life and of my life and no matter what happens, good or bad, He's in control and it will be OK.

*You were at that time separated from Christ, alienated & strangers, having no hope & without God. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace. Ephesians 2:12, 13 (ESV)*

**No matter what kind of hand I've been dealt in life, I can move forward trusting God has a plan & purpose**

**There are many causes & stages of grief, as a believer in Jesus, I can trust God & lean on others who trust Him as I wrestle the emotions & overcome the feelings**

**Worry can be a paralyzing force & we all have stuff we could worry about, but worry is useless & draws me away from a loving, all-powerful God**

God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (ESV)

*Blessed be the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise & glory & honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:3-4, 6-7 (ESV)*