







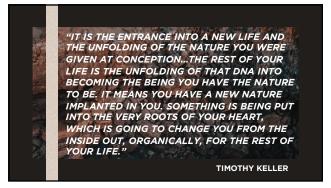
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. You are being guarded by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

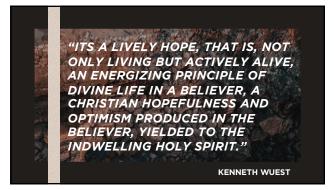
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You rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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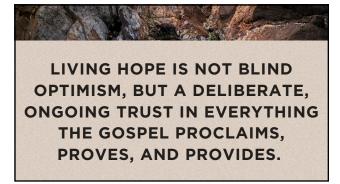




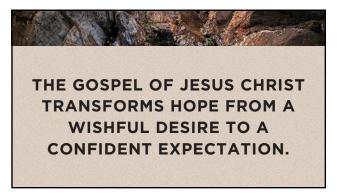






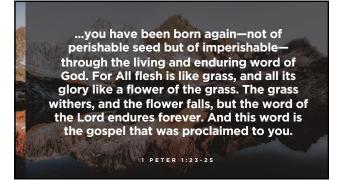


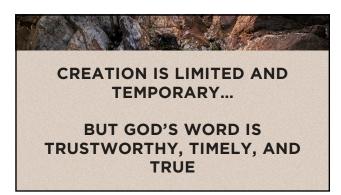


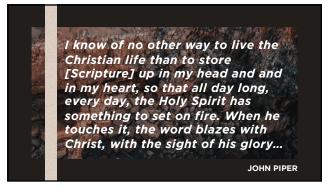


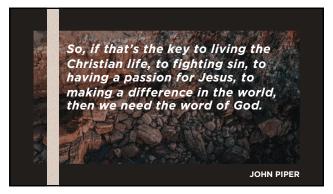






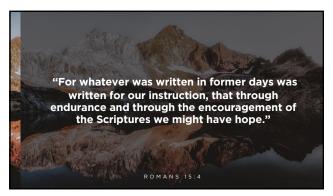












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FEED YOUR HOPE Psalms 27, 31, 40 1. What does this passage reveal about God's nature that strengthens your hope? 2. How does this passage highlight God's power and reliability? How does this encourage you to trust Him more deeply? 3. Which attitude or declaration of the Psalmist stands out to you the most? Pray for God's help in cultivating that same attitude in your own life. 4. Is there a specific verse from this passage that speaks to your current struggle? How can you commit it to memory and apply it to your situation?

