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**Part 1**

**Contagious Hope**



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# **Romans 4:24**

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# **Romans 4:25**

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# **Hope** *Definition*

**An optimistic state of mind that is based on an expectation of positive outcomes with respect to events and circumstances in one's life or the world at large.**



# Faith and Hope

- Faith and hope are complementary.
- Faith is grounded in the reality of the past; hope is looking to the reality of the future.

**Without faith  
there is no hope  
and without hope  
there is no true faith.**



# Hebrews 11:1 ESV

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

# **1 Corinthians 13:13 NLT**

**Three things will last forever—  
faith, hope, and love—and the  
greatest of these is love.**



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# Principle #5

**For the people of God, the most difficult circumstances and the hardest seasons usually lead to the most fruitful seasons.**



# Principle #6

**This world is not our home, and  
this life is not our ultimate reality.**

# Principle #7

**Pain, suffering, and brokenness  
are not the end of the story;  
they are only a part of the story.**

**What's stopping you  
from hoping against  
hope?**



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