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Somebody Pass Me the Hope!

(Why today could be the day!)
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"Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow. **Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.** Whoever scorns instruction will pay for it, but whoever respects a command is rewarded. " (Proverbs 13:11-13 NIV)

Hope Is Everything

Because it gives us strength.

Because it gives us reasons.

Because it gives us humanity.

What Kind Of Hope?

Hope that wants.

"You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure." (James 4:2-3 NLT)

Hope that wishes.

Hope that works.

"...do not move from the hope held out in the gospel." (Colo 1:23 NIV)

The 5 Hopes

The hope of God's peace.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:23-27 NIV)

The hope of God's presence.

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live." (John 14:15-19 NIV)

The hope of God's provision.

"...though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand. I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be a blessing." (Psalm 37:24-26 NIV)

The hope of God's plan.

"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.'" (Jere 29:11-13 NIV)

The hope of God's place.

"A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land." (Psalm 68:5-6 NIV)