



HOPE THAT NEVER FADES

December 20 & 21, 2025

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I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Christmas reminds us that hope isn't found in how things look – it's found in _____.

I Find Hope that Never Fades When I:

1 _____ even when my heart is heavy
or broken.

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How to Worship When Life is Hard (CALM)

Worship: When I dedicate everything that I do to the Glory of God

- **C_____ God's promises.**

2 Peter 1:4 (TPT)

As a result of this, he has given you magnificent promises that are beyond all price, so that through the power of these tremendous promises we can experience partnership with the divine nature, by which you have escaped the corrupt desires that are of the world.

- **A_____ in God's presence.**

Psalm 16:11 (TPT)

For you bring me a continual revelation of resurrection life, the path to the bliss that brings me face-to-face with you.

- **L_____ up songs of praise.**

Psalm 100:2 (NIV)

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- **M_____ a grateful heart.**

2 Corinthians 9:15 (NLT)

Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!

Two realities about this gift:

- _____ is the indescribable gift.
- _____ is our response to the gift.

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How to Wait Patiently on God:

- **W**_____ show up for others, again and again.

Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

- **A**_____ pray, even when nothing seems to change.

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- **I**_____ positivity (*Stay Positive*).

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Hope That Doesn't Fade...

- _____ even when life hurts.
- _____ even when God seems silent.
- _____ about the promise of salvation.



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- **Waits** even when God seems silent.
- **Witnesses** about the promise of salvation.