

# HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

## Part 3: Foundation of Hope

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### INTRODUCTION

Hope is an emotional reserve for a better future. But oftentimes, we let our circumstances dictate whether we have hope. But circumstantial hope is fragile hope. Fortunately for us, we can put our hope in Jesus, who understands our weaknesses and faced the same kind of testing we did. We have the great opportunity to come to Him, to receive His grace and mercy, just when we need it the most.

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### LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

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1. What is something you're most hoping for right now in this season of life?
2. What circumstances in your life most affect your hope?
3. Share a time when time has revealed God's greater good for you?
4. What does it look like for you to keep your hope in God instead of your circumstances? How can you prevent your circumstances from robbing you of hope?

### THIS WEEK

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"Perhaps the best sermon you can preach to yourself this Christmas may be 3 words long: Hope in God." This week, make a concerted effort to preach to yourself about what the true foundation of hope really is. Consider writing these three words on index cards and post them where you'll see them often.

"So let us come boldly to the throne of our **gracious God**. There we will receive his **mercy**, and we will find **grace** to help us when we **need it most**."

Hebrews 4:16