

The Power of Hope
#SermonHope
The Power of Advent - Part 2
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Proverbs 13:12a When hope is crushed, the heart is crushed... (TEV)

Isaiah 40:31 Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (NIV)

Through The Power of Hope...

1. I CAN ENDURE ANYTHING

1 Thessalonians 1:3 We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (NIV)

Hosea 2:15a I will... transform your Valley of Troubles into a Door of Hope. (LB)

Hebrews 6:18b-19a ...So we who have found safety with him are greatly encouraged to hold firmly to the hope placed before us. ¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for our lives. It is safe and sure... (TEV)

2. I CAN BE MORE JOYFUL

Proverbs 10:28a The hope of the righteous brings joy... (ESV)

Romans 5:2b-3a ...we rejoice because of the hope we have of sharing God's glory. ³ And we also have joy with our troubles... (ICB)

Psalms 43:5 Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled? I will put my hope in God, and once again I will praise him, my savior and my God. (TEV)

3. I CAN OVERCOME SIN

1 John 3:3 Everyone who has this hope in Christ keeps himself pure, just as Christ is pure. (TEV)

1 Thessalonians 5:8 Since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. (NIV)

4. I CAN CLAIM GOD'S PROMISES

Psalm 119:114 You are my refuge and my shield, and **your promises are my only source of hope.** (LB)

Hebrews 6:18 These two things cannot change: God cannot lie when He makes a **promise**, and He cannot lie when He makes an oath. These things encourage us... They give us **strength to hold on to the hope** we have been given. (NCV)

5. I CAN FACE THE FUTURE

Proverbs 23:18 There is surely **a future hope for you**, and **your hope will not be cut off.** (NIV)

Titus 3:7 Jesus... made us acceptable to God and **gave us the hope of eternal life.** (CEV)

Colossians 1:27b ...And this is the secret: **Christ in your hearts is your only hope** of glory. (LB)

2 Corinthians 3:12 With a hope like this, we can **speak with complete fearlessness.** (NJB)

1 Peter 3:15b ...**Always be ready to give an answer** when someone **asks you about your hope.** (CEV)