

Perspectives

There Is Always Hope

I am a football fan. Growing up in the western part of Nebraska, Denver was only 4 hours from where I grew up. So naturally, I was a Broncos fan. In 1983, the team drafted quarterback John Elway. By the end of his career, he led the Denver Broncos to two Super Bowl championships (1997, 1998). One thing that stands out to me from his playing days were the many exciting games where the team was down with minutes left to go and he brought them back from the brink of loss to victory. Watching those games I, along with the loyal fans, always felt that no matter how bad things seemed, with him as quarterback, there was always hope.

Hope means “to wish for and truly expect to receive something in the future. To hope is to accept a promise to be true.”¹ We apply for a job and hope we are hired. Someone promises to do something good for us and we hope that what was promised becomes reality.

As it relates to faith, hope means we have “faith that God will do in the future what He has promised. Hope is trusting God.”²

Often the pressures and circumstances of life weigh heavily on us, leaving us feeling tired, powerless, and defeated, and, at times, with a sense of hopelessness. The good news is that, “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” (Isaiah 40:31). Placing our faith and trust in God does not mean all our trials and troubles disappear. It does mean that regardless of what we are facing or how dark our situation may seem, with God there is always hope. Because of that hope, we can face each today and tomorrow with optimism and expectancy for what God can and will do in our lives.

As you read each passage and examine every story, “May the God of *hope* fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with *hope* by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:31, emphasis added).

May God bless you as you study His Word this quarter!

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1 <<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/hope>> Accessed October 27, 2023.

2 *A Dictionary of the Bible & Christian Doctrine in Everyday English* (Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2004), 133.