

A THRILL OF HOPE

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BIG IDEA: We all need hope. Jesus brought hope. Jesus brings hope. Jesus is hope.

1 Hope is anchored in the _____—*what is coming*.

“We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.”

Romans 8:22-25

Hope is anchored ahead in eternity.

What is coming is supposed to affect us in the present!

“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”— the things God has prepared for those who love him.” **1 Corinthians 2:9** (Eph. 3:20)

It helps us be content in the present.

It helps us deal with death.

2 Hope is anchored in _____—*because of Jesus, you are never alone*.

“As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; *I will never leave you nor forsake you.*” **Joshua 1:5**

3 Hope is anchored in what _____, and will do.

“For when the time was right, the Anointed One came and died to demonstrate his love for sinners who were entirely helpless, weak, and powerless to save themselves.” **Romans 5:6** TPT

“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 15:13** (1 Cor. 15)

4 Hope makes our _____

“Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.” **Revelation 14:13** (Rev. 21)

HOPE IN PRACTICE

—_____ **on these things**—reflect and talk with others on it.

—_____ **each other** this is not all there is and that you are eternal beings—about more than now.

—_____ **extravagantly**.