

# CHASING HOPE

When do we need hope most?

## 4 Hope Giving Promises

1. You can know you have eternal life.

*I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

*1 John 5:13*

2. I (God) am with you.

*“For God has said, “I will never leave you; I will never abandon you.”*

*Hebrews 13:5b TEV*

3. Romans 8:28

4. Jesus wins!

Hope – elpis - “assured expectation”

*And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.*

*Romans 8:28*

Literal Translation:

We know – to these who love God, He works together all things into good, to the ones who are called according to His purpose.

**His purpose** – That we would be more like Jesus.

*For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.*

*Romans 8: 29*

*And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.*

*Romans 8:30*

## Predestination

- Term of purpose and active working
- Used in connection with those who have already trusted Jesus as Savior

Like Jesus

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

*Galatians 5:22-23a*

Groaning → more “like Jesus” revealing = \_\_\_\_\_

1. What did God teach you through this message?
2. What do you need to do with what you’ve learned?
3. How has your hope been affected by Romans 8:28
4. What character quality of Jesus is your “groaning” revealing your need to grow in?