STUDY GUIDE

QuadCity Christian Church · November 14, 2026

Three Levels of Hope

Hebrews 11:1 · Romans 12:12 · Colossians 3:23 · Romans 4:18 · 1 Peter 3:4

THE BIG IDEA

Hope in God helps us remain faithful in hard circumstances, trust Him when outcomes are unclear, and hold onto eternal hope through Jesus Christ.

MESSAGE RECAP

The message presented three levels of hope. First, hope helps us remain joyful, patient, and prayerful in difficult circumstances. Second, hope against hope means trusting God even when circumstances seem to offer little reason for confidence. The sermon also showed that everyday faithfulness, kindness, and diligence can make a lasting difference. Finally, eternal hope is grounded in Jesus Christ and His victory over death. Salvation is received as God's gift through Jesus, not earned by good works.

1 Hope in difficult circumstances

Romans 12:12 was presented as a call to be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. Hope gives believers strength to keep moving forward before circumstances change.

2 Faithfulness in everyday work

Colossians 3:23 was used to show that everyday work can express a believer's relationship with God. Meaningful impact does not require a title or public recognition.

3 Hope against hope

Using Romans 4:18, the preacher described trusting God even when natural circumstances seem to give no reason for confidence. This hope is anchored in God's consistent character.

4 A meaningful legacy

The sermon taught that a perfect life is not required to leave a meaningful legacy. Consistent kindness, dependability, authenticity, integrity, and love still matter.

5 Eternal hope in Jesus

Eternal hope goes beyond earthly life because it rests on Jesus Christ's victory over death. Salvation is a gift through Jesus Christ, not something earned through good qualities or hard work.

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TO GET STARTED

What is something that helps you keep going when a day is difficult?

READ TOGETHER

Hebrews 11:1
Romans 12:12
Colossians 3:23
Romans 4:18

DISCUSS

1. What words in Romans 12:12 describe how believers can respond to affliction?
2. What is the difference between hope in a circumstance and hope against hope?
3. How does Abraham's example in Romans 4:18 show trust in God beyond natural circumstances?
4. Why did the preacher connect everyday diligence with serving God?
5. What consistent qualities can make a person's presence a blessing to others?
6. What does it mean to anchor your hope in who God is rather than in what you can see?

THIS WEEK

Choose one difficult situation this week and pray Romans 12:12 each day: ask God to help you be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.

PRAY

Thank God that He is consistent even when circumstances are confusing or painful. Ask Him to strengthen your hope, help you remain faithful in ordinary responsibilities, and make your life a source of kindness and encouragement to others.

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