

Today's Message:

# Hope

CHANGES EVERYTHING

First Baptist THE LAKEFRONT  
VENICE CHURCH

One Church-Two Locations  
Sunday, June 14, 2026

*Psalm 31:24 (NASB)*

*24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord.*

*Lamentations 3:24 (ESV)*

*"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."*

## FOUR THINGS HOPE DOES THAT NOTHING ELSE CAN DO

- 1) HOPE L\_\_\_\_\_. Hope releases you from your past.
- 2) HOPE M\_\_\_\_\_. Hope helps you bounce back.
- 3) HOPE I\_\_\_\_\_. Hope sets you free to dream.
- 4) HOPE A\_\_\_\_\_. Hope is the fuel that makes the world a better place.

**HOPE LOOKS AT WHAT CAN BE INSTEAD OF WHAT IS. HOPE LOOKS AT THE FUTURE RATHER THAN JUST THE PAST. HOPE BELIEVES IN FUTURE POSSIBLILTY RATHER THAN RESIGNING TO CURRENT REALITY.**

Now let's talk about...**WHAT HOPE IS NOT!**

HOPE IS MORE THAN JUST AN EMOTION YOU FEEL...

HOPE IS NOT SOME UNRELIABLE S\_\_\_\_\_...

HOPE IS NOT WISFUL T\_\_\_\_\_ OR BLIND OPTIMISM...

HOPE IS NOT AN UNNECESSARY L\_\_\_\_\_...

**Psalm 39:7**

*"And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.*

**Psalm 62:5**

*For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.*

**Psalm 71:14**

*But I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more.*

**Psalm 119:114**

*You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.*

**Psalm 119:147**

*I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your words.*

## **A Note from Pastor Allen**

***To the First Baptist Family of Venice, (Downtown and Lakefront)***

*Thank you for your continued love, faithfulness, and commitment to the work of the Lord through our church family. God has blessed First Baptist in many ways, and together we have the privilege of advancing the Gospel, serving our community, and supporting ministry both locally and around the world.*

*Recently, our giving has experienced a noticeable decrease. As we move forward together, I want to lovingly challenge each of us to remain consistent and faithful in our tithes and offerings. Scripture reminds us that "**God loves a cheerful giver**" and that our generosity is an act of worship and trust in Him.*

*Every gift, whether large or small, makes an eternal impact. When we give faithfully, we strengthen the ministry of the church and demonstrate our dependence upon God's provision.*

*Let us continue to serve the Lord with joyful and generous hearts as we seek to honor Him in all we do.*

***Thank you for your faithfulness...***

***Pastor Allen***