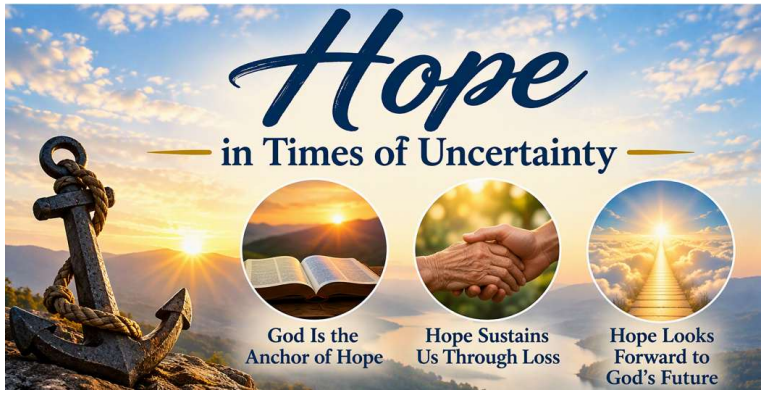


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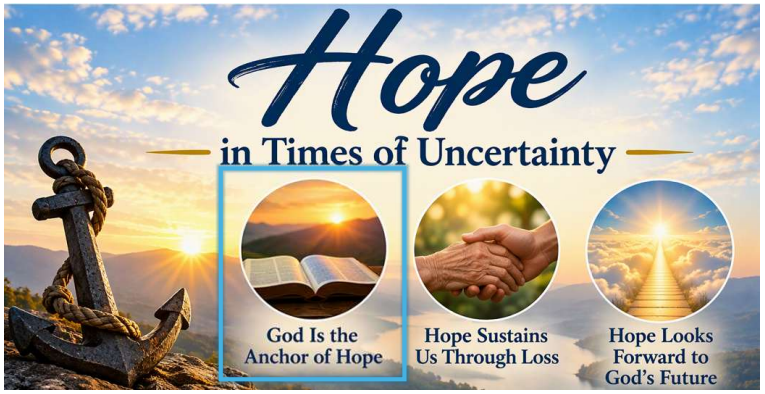
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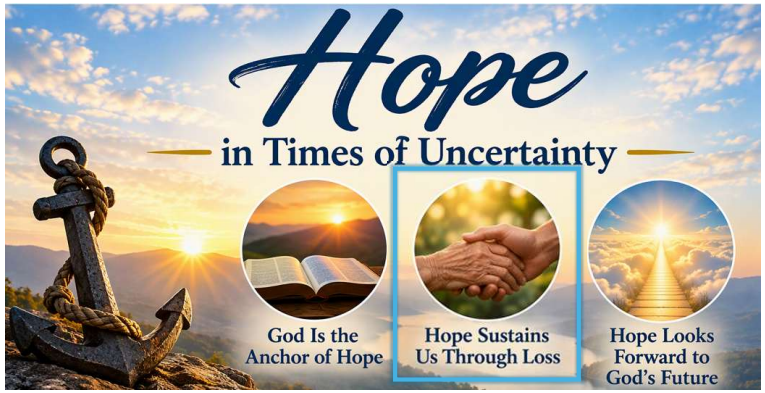
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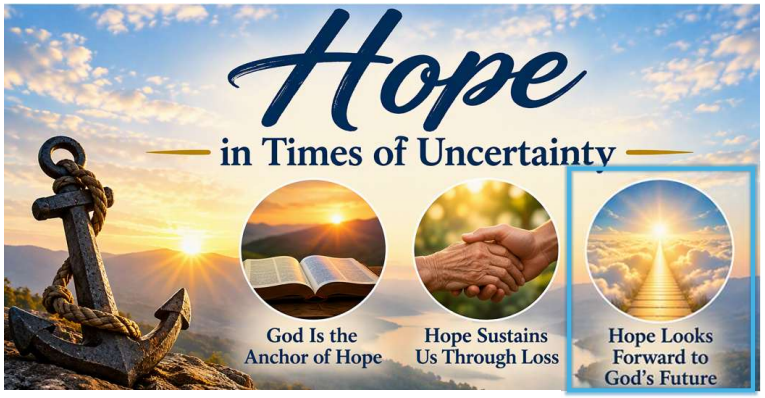
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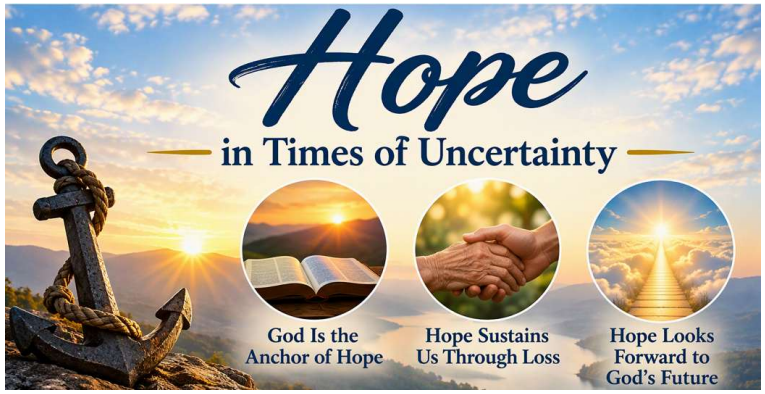
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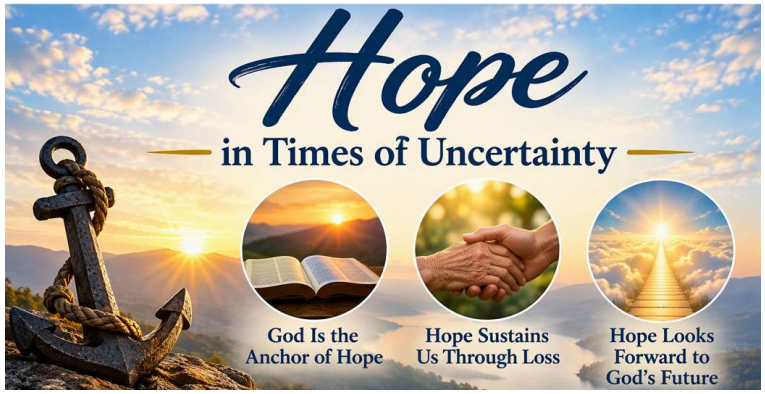
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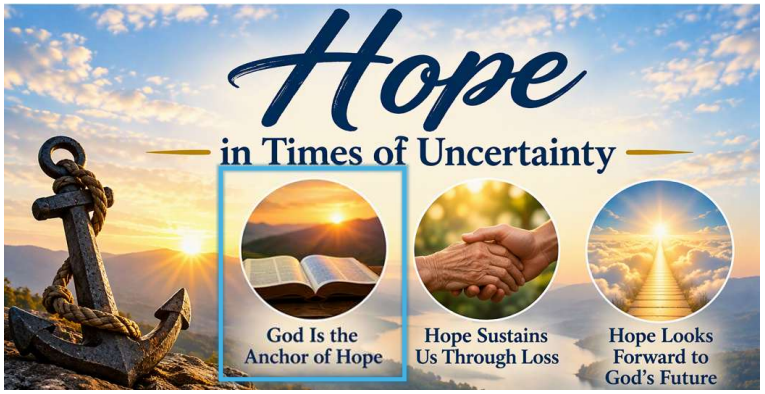
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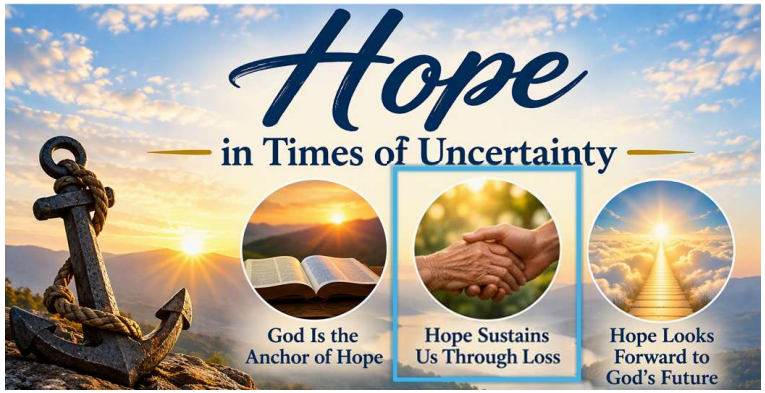
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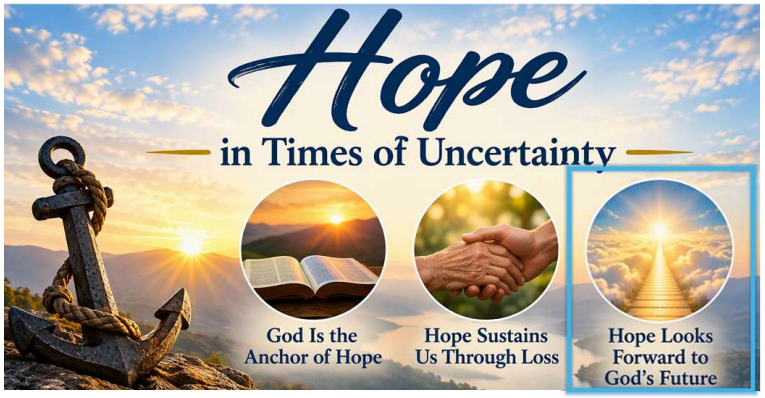
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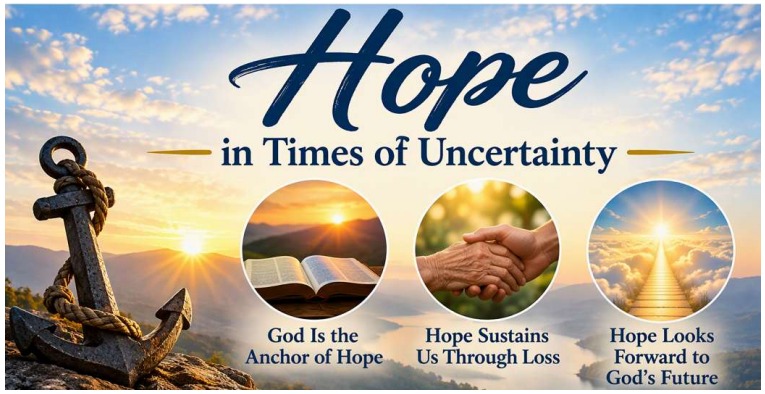
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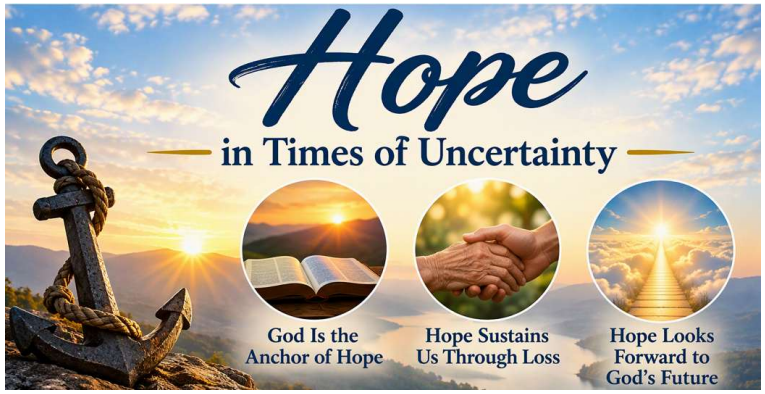
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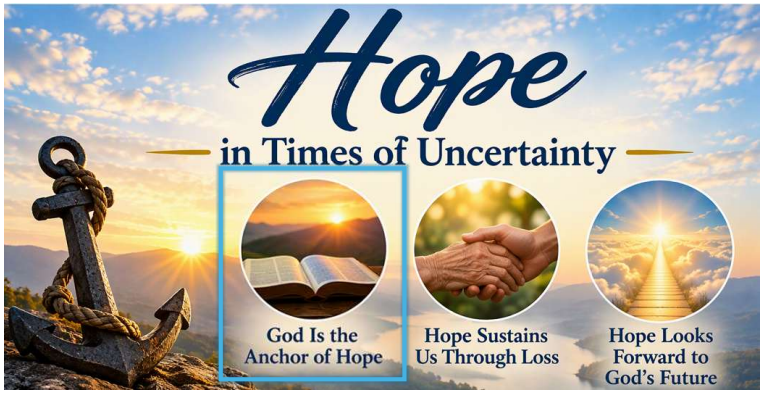
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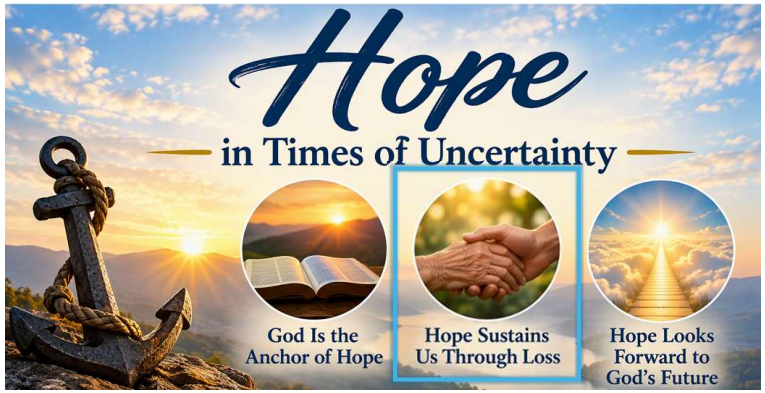
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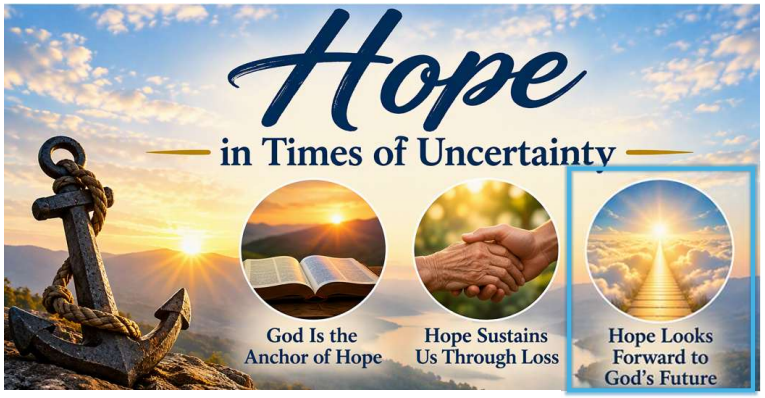
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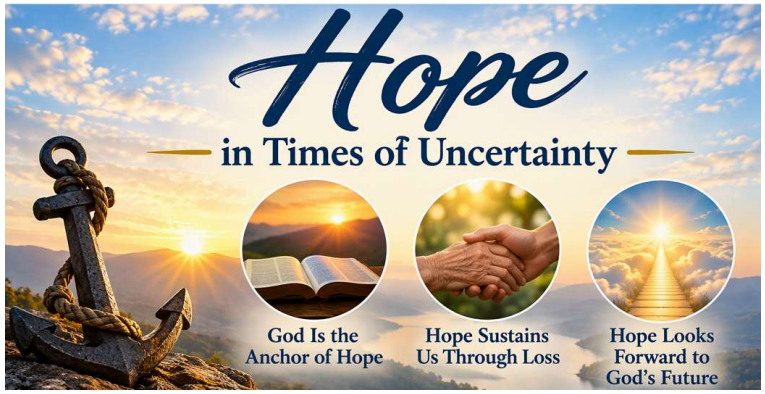
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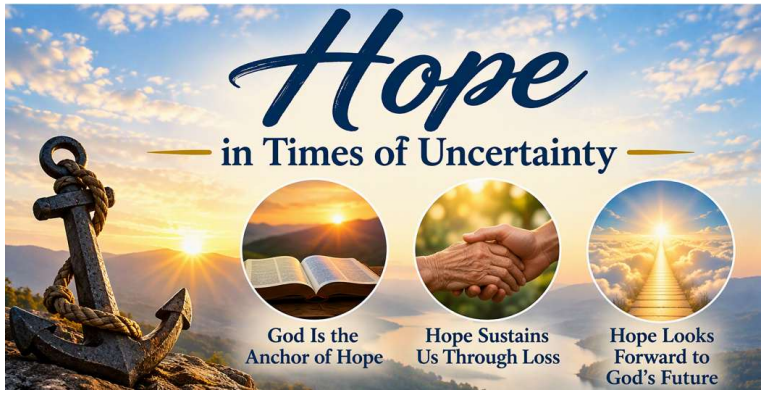
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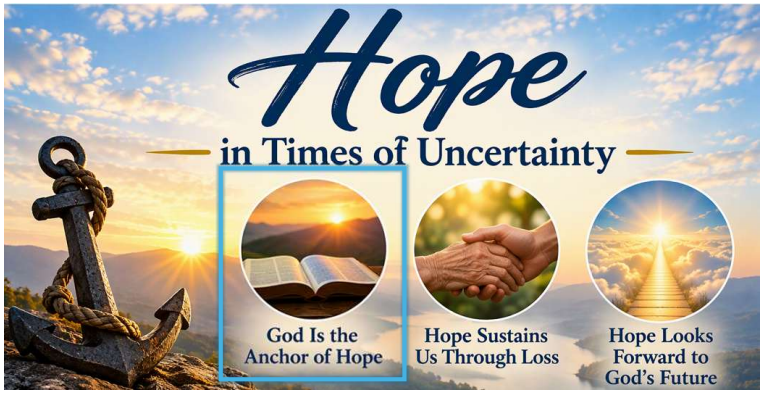
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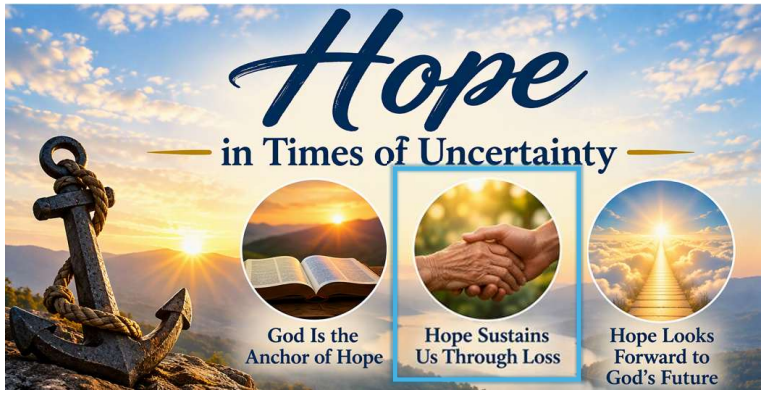
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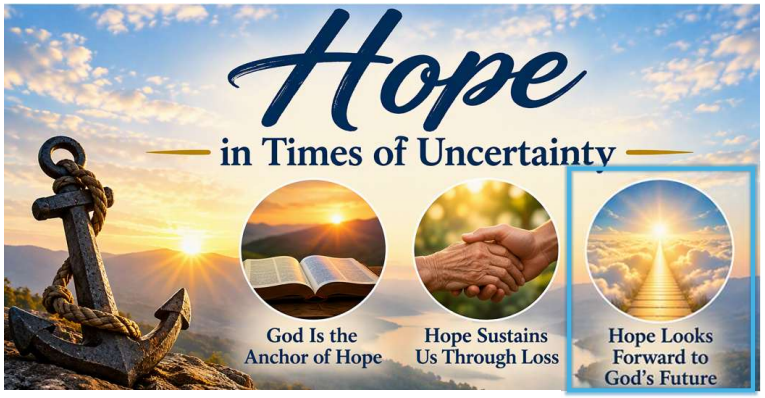
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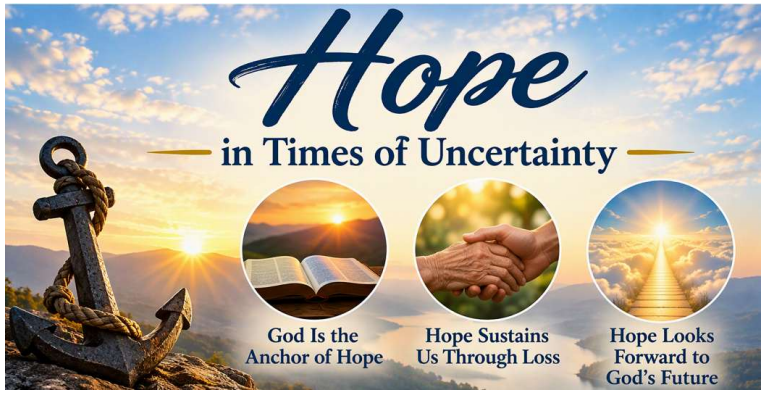
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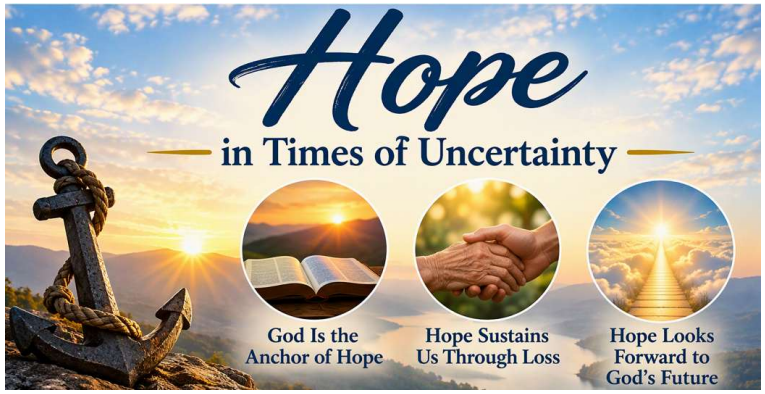
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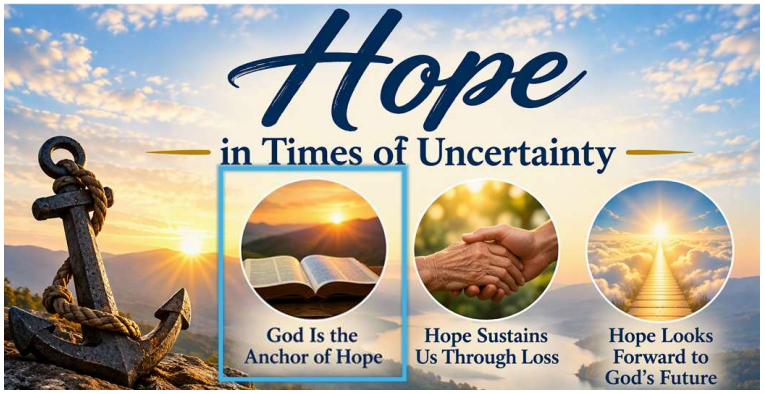
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Theme

Because God is our unshakable anchor, we can persevere through life's losses and look forward with confidence to the promises God has prepared for us.

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God Is the Anchor of Hope

- We place our hope in God despite discouragement.

1 Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. (Psalm 42:11 NIV)

- Hope renews strength.

31 but 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 NIV)

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God Is the Anchor of Hope

- Hope is an anchor for the soul.

19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, (Hebrews 6:19 NIV)

- God's mercies are new every morning.

22 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. (Lamentations 3:22 NIV)

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- We have living hope through Jesus.

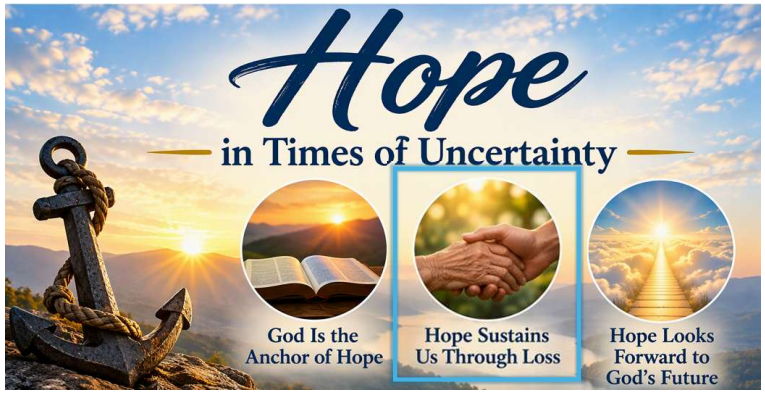
3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (1 Peter 1:3 NIV)

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Discussion Questions

- What helps you hold onto hope during difficult days?
- How does Scripture strengthen hope?
- How can hope grow even as physical strength declines?

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Hope Sustains Us Through Loss

- God is close to the brokenhearted.

18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:18 NIV)

- Jesus is the resurrection & the life.

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;" (John 11:25 NIV)

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- God will wipe away every tear.

4 "'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." (Revelation 21:4 NIV)

- Our inner self is renewed daily

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:16 NIV)

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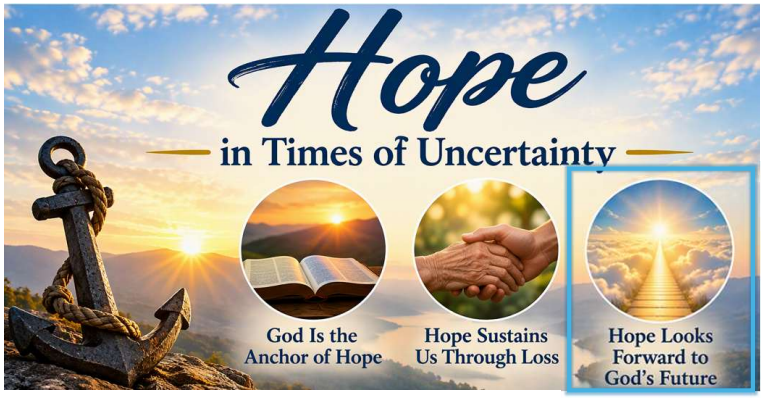
26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (Psalm 73:26 NIV)

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Discussion Questions

- How has hope helped you through grief?
- What promises of God bring comfort during loss?
- How can we encourage one another in hope?

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Hope Looks Forward to God's Future

- Our citizenship is in heaven.

20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, (Philippians 3:20 NIV)

- Present sufferings cannot compare to future glory.

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. (Romans 8:18 NIV)

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Hope Looks Forward to God's Future

- Jesus will return for His people.

16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. (1 Thessalonians 4:16 NIV)

- Jesus prepares a place for us.

2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? (John 14:2 NIV)

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Hope Looks Forward to God's Future

- We wait for our blessed hope.

13 while we wait for the blessed hope - the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, (Titus 2:13 NIV)

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- How does thinking about heaven strengthen hope?
- What future promises of God encourage you most?
- How can hope shape your attitude each day?

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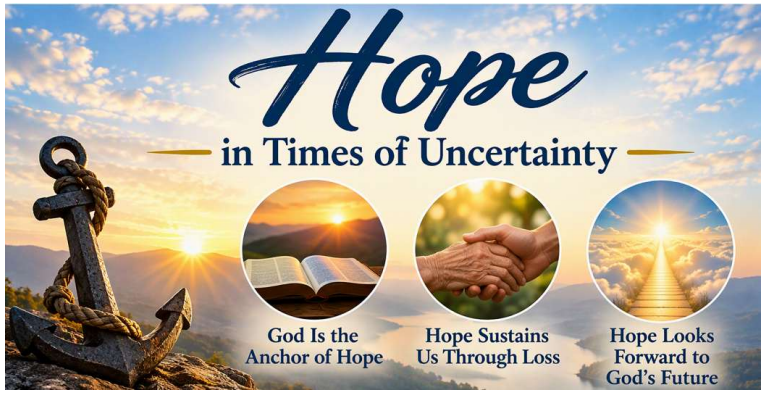
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