



MESSGAE NOTES

Hope For 2026

Romans 12:12

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1. Joyful in hope

All of God's promises towards us fulfilled in Jesus are our reason for hope. We know that if God did not spare His only Son for us, there's nothing He wouldn't do for us. The gift of Jesus shows us God's love for us. Our circumstances in life can go up and down but we can stay firm through it all by placing our hope in Him.

2. Patient in affliction

The Bible doesn't teach us to ignore problems in life but to recognize God's reason and purpose through it all. Knowing God has a higher purpose enables us to be patient in affliction. God's blessing always follows a testing. We can thank God in advance and look forward to that blessing in the midst of any testing.

3. Faithful in prayer

There is a strong connection in the Bible between prayer and hope. Especially prayers of thanksgiving. When we remember how God has helped us in the past and then share all our problems with Him in the present, it gives us hope for the future.