Hope

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The Colts and Patriots

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Worlds Definitions

HOPE: to wish for, to expect, but without certainty of the fulfillment; to desire very much, but with no real assurance of getting your desire."

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CRAB BIBLE - HOPE: Certain, Strong, Confident Expectation of Good

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Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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The Living Bible

What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen.

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Enemies of Hope

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1. Fatigue

1 Kings 19:4-6

Vince Lombardi once said, "Fatigue will make cowards of us all."

Matthew 11:28-30

Come unto me you who are weary, and I will give you rest."

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2. Frustration

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

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3. Failure

Jonah 3:1

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying,

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4. Fear

Fear - Fear not, be not afraid, do not let your hearts be troubled." 366 Times in the Bible

Proverbs 29:18

Where *there is* no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy *is* he who keeps the law.

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1. True Hope Only Comes From God

Hebrews 6:16-19

Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the HOPE offered to us may be GREATLY ENCOURAGED. We have this hope as an ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL, firm and secure.

Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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2. Its Built On His Promises

Romans 15:4

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have HOPE."

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful.

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3. Its Found Only In Christ

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1 Peter 1:3-4

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

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