A Living Hope

"*Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, [4] and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, [5] and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*"
Romans 5:3-5 ESV

Secular Hope: A Feeling of Expectation or Desire for a Certain Thing to Happen.

Biblical Hope: A Confident Expectation of a Future Reality.

NT Word for Hope: ἐλπίς elpís, el-pece'
2 Corinthians 3:12, 1 Peter 1:20-21, Romans 15:4, Titus 1:1-2, Hebrews 6:17-20

Main Point: Hope is a Person with a Place for You!
"*In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.*" J*n 14:2-3 ESV*

Christian Hope is 3-Dimensional
1. It is oriented towards the future.

"*We need to hold the future with expectancy, rather than confine our future with our expectations.*"
-Ann Smith

2. It is grounded in the past.

3. It is sustained in the present.

Are you… (choose one)
- Hope-FUL
- Hope-FILLED
- Hope-LESS

Q: What is taking up room in your heart instead of hope?