

## NEW MOON: HOLDING ON TO HOPE

### WHAT IS HOPE?

To expect something with \_\_\_\_\_

The opposite of HOPE is \_\_\_\_\_

We have a tendency to put our hope in \_\_\_\_\_ things

### WHAT ARE WE TO PUT OUR HOPE IN?

\_\_\_\_\_ AND HIS \_\_\_\_\_

*"But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you."* Psalm 39:7

*"Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me."* Ps 27:10

**HOPING IN GOD DEPENDS ON \_\_\_\_\_ GOODNESS**

Psalm 51:1

Example of Abraham (Romans 4:18-25)

### THE BENEFITS OF HOPING IN GOD

**A MORE \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE**

*"So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who*

*have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.*" Hebrews 6:18–19a, NLT

*"But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet."* 1 Thessalonians 5:8

## **A MORE \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE**

1 Corinthians 13:13, Colossians 1:5, 1 Thessalonians 1:3

## **HOW TO STRENGTHEN YOUR HOPE IN GOD**

### **1. ASK GOD FOR \_\_\_\_\_**

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* Romans 15:13

When do we grow most in knowing God's goodness?

When we \_\_\_\_\_

*"Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."* Romans 5:3–4

### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ ON GOD'S GOODNESS**

#### **IN THE BIBLE**

*"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."* Romans 15:4

#### **IN YOUR LIFE**

*"He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us."* 2 Corinthians 1:10

#### **FOR YOUR FUTURE**

*"If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men."* 1 Corinthians 15:19