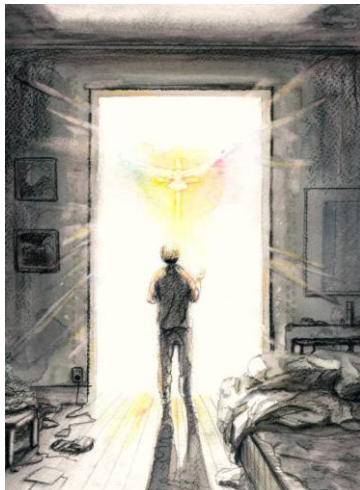


THE GIFT OF HOPE



Hope, the gift that brings the future into focus.

Hope, the fountainhead of all true vision.

Hope greets you at the opening of the day.

Hope takes you by the hand.

Hope leads you forth with the confidence and wonder of a little child.

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

Romans 15

You do not have it in yourself.

It comes from only one source:

God himself.

Ask for it. Pursue it.

Divest yourself of everything that hinders it.

***"I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved,
and will go in and out and find pasture.***



The thief comes only to steal (hope) and kill (hope) and destroy (hope);



I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

John 10

Listen to him, and he will give you the gift of hope.

Walk with him, and he will sustain you in it.



Prayer: Oh Lord, how we need this gift of hope you offer us. We need it to face the day. We need it so we won't give up. We need it so we can experience abundant life in the midst of anything we are facing. Help us to leave the darkness of despair, to turn from the enemy who wants to rob us of hope. Take our hand, guide us through the door, walk with us, sustain us, so we can find the pasture, the peace, and the joy you have for us. Amen.

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