

Christmas Remix

*"The thought of my suffering and **homelessness** is bitter beyond words. I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss." Lamentations 3:19 NLT*

*"Yet I still **dare to hope** when I remember this: The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning." Lamentations 3:20-23 NLT*

✓ Hope is not wishful thinking.

✓ Hope is not blind optimism.

✓ Hope is not ambitious dreams.

✓ Hope is a confident expectation based on something solid.

*"We have this **hope** as an **anchor** for the soul, **firm and secure**." Hebrews 6:19 NIV*

*"We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to grab the **promised hope** with both hands and never let go. It's an unbreakable spiritual lifeline, reaching past all appearances right to the very presence of God." Hebrews 6:19-20 MSG*

For most people, hope is something they do; but Biblical hope is something we have.

*"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? **Put your hope in God**, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God." Psalms 43:5 NIV*

1. God's presence.

*"**Find rest**, O my soul, in God alone; my **hope** comes from him." Psalm 62:5 NIV*

*"Those who hope in the Lord **will renew their strength**. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31 NIV*

2. God's promise.

*"My soul faints with longing for your salvation, but **I have put my hope in your word.**"
Psalm 119:81 NIV*

3. God's process.

*"And we rejoice in the **hope** of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering **produces** perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, **hope.**" Romans 5:2-4 NIV*

4. God's purpose.

*"**Do not neglect** the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you. **Give your complete attention** to these matters. **Throw yourself into your tasks** so that everyone will see your progress." 1 Timothy 4:14-15 NLT*

5. God's place.

*"**Do not let your hearts be troubled.** Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you."
John 14:1-2 NIV*