

“Hope in a World of Uncertainty”

Romans 15:13 – “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.”

Introduction

Friends, let’s be real. The world feels shaky. Trouble in the news. Struggles at home. Some of us walked into this park today carrying heavy burdens.

But I came to remind you of something powerful: **When life feels uncertain—God is still certain.**

Say this with me:

☞ **“God is still certain.”**

Point 1: God Is Still in Control (Even When Life Feels Out of Control)

Psalm 46:1 says, *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”*

I love that—*present help*. Not far away. Not later. He’s right here, right now.

Think about Joseph. Betrayed, sold, imprisoned. But through it all, God was still in control. And Joseph could say, *“What you meant for evil, God meant for good.”*

Some of you feel like you’re in a pit. But hear me: **God hasn’t lost His pen—your story isn’t over.**

Say this with me:

☞ **“My story isn’t over.”**

Point 2: Hope Is Not Found in the World, But in Christ

The world offers quick fixes. Money, drugs, relationships. They can numb the pain, but they can’t heal the soul.

Jesus said in John 16:33: *“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*

That means your hope doesn’t rest on circumstances—it rests on Christ.

Say it with me:

☞ **“My hope is in Jesus.”**

Point 3: God's Hope Is for You Right Now

Hope isn't just for someday in heaven—it's for today on earth.

Isaiah 40:31 says: *"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength."*

That means when you feel like quitting, God can give you strength. When you feel weary, God can give you courage.

Say this with me:

☞ ***"I still have hope."***

Application / Invitation

Some of you walked in heavy—but you don't have to leave heavy.

Some of you walked in hopeless—but you don't have to leave hopeless.

Just like we'll share this meal together to fill our stomachs, God wants to fill your soul with His love, peace, and hope.

Jesus said, *"Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

Say this with me:

☞ ***"God cares for me."***

Closing

So let me leave you with this:

- You may feel uncertain, but God's love is certain.
- You may feel broken, but God's grace can make you whole.
- You may feel hopeless, but God is the God of hope.

Say it one last time with me:

☞ ***"God is my hope."***

Let's pray together:

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace."

And as we eat, remember: **God cares for every part of you—body, mind, and soul.**