

# BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE  
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



## HOPE

I can cope with the hardships  
of life because of the hope  
I have in Jesus Christ.





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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkDvqQKGgDA>

(link to the Rick Mercer video - seven day forecast)





# Hope is Essential



Hope is an important part of our normal lives

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Hope is critically important  
for the hard times of our lives.



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# The Storm

## Acts 27:20



When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

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# Job 6



8 “Oh, that I might have my request,  
that God would grant what I hope for,  
9 that God would be willing to crush  
me, to let loose his hand and cut me off!

10 Then I would still have this  
consolation--my joy in unrelenting  
pain--that I had not denied the words of  
the Holy One.

11 “What strength do I have, that I  
should still hope? What prospects, that  
I should be patient?



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# UNBROKEN

THE UNBELIEVABLE TRUE STORY





"If there is only a spark left in you then you have to cling on to it. A person can survive for a few days without eating but he can't survive without hope for more than a minute."



Mayer Hersh - holocaust survivor



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## Attawapiskat crisis appears to be case of 'suicide contagion,' experts say

Hopelessness and despair, compounded with terrible living conditions, can trigger a chain reaction where the idea of suicide becomes contagious.



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Suicide rates among First Nations youth are five to seven times higher than for non-Aboriginal youth. And in Attawapiskat, experts believe the conditions and the proximity and similarity of the residents could encourage suicide as a way out for those suffering intense emotional pain.

By: Sheryl Ubelacker The Canadian Press, Published on Wed Apr 13 2016



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good  
desire for a  
**hope.** noun  
feeling of  
to want



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# What is the certain hope of the Christian?

1 Peter 1:3-5

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole.



The Message

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## **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13\* Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

14\* We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

15\* According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

16\* For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

17\* After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever.

18\* Therefore encourage each other with these words.



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## Hebrews 6:19-20

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf.



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I hope someone loves me.



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Hope is a verb



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## 1 Corinthians 13:12-13 - The Message

12 We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!

13 But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.



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## Hebrews 12:1-3 - The Message

Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever.



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