

LIVING HOPE

A MUSICAL FOR EASTER

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

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“Living Hope”

The title of this song (and the title of this musical) comes from 1 Peter 1:3. Read the whole chapter to get an idea of Peter’s full message to Christians who were scattered across the world.

Remember that Peter was one of Jesus’ closest friends and followers. In verse 8 of the chapter, what kind of comfort is he giving to those who had never seen Jesus? Does this comfort you?

The rest of the chapter contains Peter’s instructions of how believers should live. What are they?

Even though you have never seen Jesus yourself, praise God that you have been able to know Him and serve Him.

“Hope Medley”

includes “Cornerstone,” “In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found),” and “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

A cornerstone is the first stone set when a building’s foundation is laid. The rest of the structure’s position and integrity is based upon that one stone.

Read Isaiah 28:16. When this was written, Jesus had not been born yet, but the prophet gives his readers a glimpse of what the Son of God would be. What is the comparison between the Messiah and the definition of a building’s cornerstone?

The psalmist also uses a metaphor to describe the coming Savior. Read Psalm 27:1 to find just one of these references to Jesus.

Can you think of more metaphors? (Hint: Great Physician, Good Shepherd, etc.) When you think of others, search the Scriptures to find where these comparisons are made and who made them. List them below.

Is there one in your list that is more meaningful to you right now in your walk with the Lord? Why?

“O Praise the Name (Anástasis)”

It seems to be easier to sing God’s praises when prayers are answered per our requests or when His hand is evident or His voice is clear.

Read Psalm 145. This is a song of praise, but when does it say that we should sing God’s praise?

Now read the incredible story of Job in the Old Testament. Though Job was tormented and stricken, what did he do? Read Job 1:21 and Job 19:25 to find out.

Romans 8:28 is also a comfort to those who find it hard to praise God during difficult times. Read this and try to memorize it.

“Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed”

- Matthew 28:6
- Mark 16:6
- Luke 24:6
- John 20:11

Each of these Scriptures from the four gospels tells part of the story of Christ’s resurrection. Read each chapter from which these verses came. This is what our hope is built upon—not just a story from history, but a hope that is alive.

Thank God for Christ’s sacrifice of Himself and for His glorious resurrection!

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Read Psalm 16:8. What does this say about God’s guidance and protection? In Deuteronomy 31:6, a promise is made. Do you believe that the promise still stands? Is He always with us?

When God is with us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31-39 are words that should always ring in our hearts. Read these and be certain of God’s presence.