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#### ROMANS 15:4, 5-8, 13<sup>NLT</sup>

<sup>4</sup>...things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And **THE SCRIPTURES GIVE US HOPE** and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

<sup>5</sup> May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you **LIVE IN COMPLETE HARMONY** with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. <sup>6</sup> Then all of you can join together with one voice, **GIVING PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD**, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. <sup>8</sup> **REMEMBER THAT CHRIST CAME AS A SERVANT TO THE JEWS** to show that God is true to the promises he made to their ancestors.

<sup>13</sup> I pray that God, **THE SOURCE OF HOPE**, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident **HOPE THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**.

#### 4 WAYS HOPE CAN TRANSFORM YOU TODAY

1. Hope \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4)

- A. We receive hope today as we hear God's Word and make the decision to **trust** God's Word.
- B. Hope is a rooted trust in the promises of God, and that those promises are sure as they are slow.

#### ISAIAH 55:11<sup>NLT</sup>

It is the same with My word.  
I send it out, and it always produces fruit.  
It will accomplish all I want it to,  
and it will prosper everywhere I send it.

#### 2 PETER 3:8<sup>NIV</sup>

...With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

- C. Hope flourishes in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Hope is a strategic \_\_\_\_\_ for the present.

- 2. Hope \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 5-7)  
a. Apostle Paul realized that God is bringing about this new world of relationship restoration through the birth of a baby.

- 3. Hope \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8)

#### ROMANS 11:17<sup>NLT</sup>

<sup>17</sup> But some of these branches from Abraham's tree—some of the people of Israel—have been broken off. And you Gentiles, who were branches from a wild olive tree, have been grafted in. So now you also receive the blessing God has promised Abraham and his children, sharing in the rich nourishment from the root of God's special olive tree.

- 4. Hope \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13)  
a. As Christmas comes, rest up so that you have energy to be dazzled by the gift being born to us!

#### THIS WEEK'S ENCOURAGEMENT:

Ask God to reveal to you the area of your life that most needs transformation within the next 30 days.

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