

CELEBRATING HOPE

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in HOPE**



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**The End-Times We Are Living In Today**

- Darkness will increase (*Isaiah 60:2a*)
- Lawlessness will increase (*Matthew 24:12*)
- Knowledge will increase, and misinformation too (*Daniel 12:3*)
- Evil will increase through deceivers (*2 Timothy 3:13a*)
- Deception will increase and spread (*2 Timothy 3:13b*)

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- Discernment must increase among God's people  
*(1 Chronicles 12:32)*
- Consequences are accumulating *(1 Timothy 5:24)*
- God looks at every heart's inclination *(2 Chronicles 16:9)*
- The Spirit convicts every soul of sin, righteousness and judgment *(John 16:8)*

## **The Reality of Life without Christ**

- Uncertainty increases:  
wickedness, evil,  
calamities
- Prayers feel unanswered  
Dreams seem delayed
- Darkness overshadows  
our days

## **The Reality of Life in Christ**

- We are never without  
hope
- We have a living hope  
in God's unchanging  
promises
- We have an anchor of  
hope for life

## I. No Christ, No Hope

- We **were** sinners, **estranged** from God **without hope**

**Romans 3:23** for **all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ... Romans 6:23**

**Ephesians 2:12** remember that at that time you were **separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God** in the world.

**Estranged** from God, we lose hope and our soul begins to fracture

Signs of a fractured **mind**

Confused | Stubborn | Scattered | Unyielding

Unclear | Fearful | Cynical | Anxious | Weak

Suspicious | Stressed | Opinionated | Sceptical

Proud in own cleverness | Argumentative

Self-centered | Double-minded

Dependent on worldly wisdom

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Signs of fractured **emotions**

- Comparing
- Jealous
- Striving
- Burnt out
- Empty
- Envious
- Impatient
- Fearful
- Lustful
- Unstable
- Easily swayed
- Dissatisfied
- Worried
- Moody
- Competitive
- Orphan spirit
- Boastful/Defensive
- Unable to rejoice with others
- Rageful

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Signs of a fractured **will**

Prejudiced   Reactionary   Biased   Foolish

Uninformed   Stubborn   Unwise   Darkened

Driven by pressure   Fearful of man   Silly

Misaligned with God's Word, Will, Way, Wisdom



## I. No Christ, No Hope

The **Source** of True Hope is only in Christ

**John 16:33** I have told you these things, so that **in ME you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble.** But take heart!

I have overcome the world.

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K-hol-ghost-encounter

**Colossians 1:27** To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is

**Christ in you, the hope of glory.**



## I. No Christ, No Hope

- When we **receive** Christ Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, we have **hope**

We:

- ✓ are **saved-justified** *Romans 5:1; 10:9-10*
- ✓ are **made righteous in Christ** *2 Corinthians 5:21*
- ✓ have access by faith into the **fullness of God's grace** *Romans 5:2; Hebrews 4:16*



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The LORD will **perfect** that which concerns me *Psalm 138:8a*

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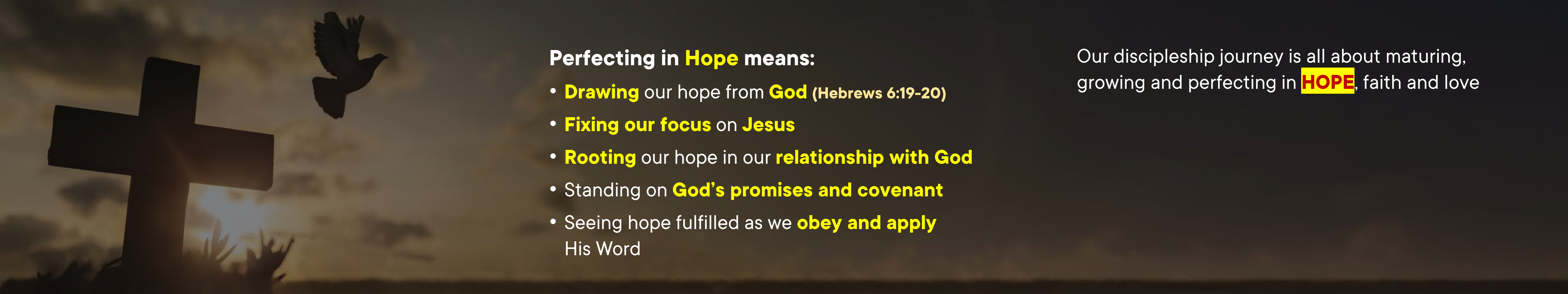
A silhouette of a dove flying over a cross against a sunset sky. The dove is in flight, wings spread, positioned above the cross. The background is a warm, golden sunset sky with some clouds. The cross is a simple wooden cross, and the dove is a white dove, symbolizing peace.

## Perfecting in HOPE

Hebrews 6:19-20

**19** This **hope** we have as an **anchor of the soul**, both **sure and steadfast**, and which **enters the Presence** behind the veil, **20** where the forerunner has entered for us, even **Jesus**, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

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### Perfecting in **Hope** means:

- **Drawing** our hope from **God** (Hebrews 6:19-20)
- **Fixing our focus** on **Jesus**
- **Rooting** our hope in our **relationship with God**
- Standing on **God's promises and covenant**
- Seeing hope fulfilled as we **obey and apply** His Word

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**We then expect (hope) in the fulfillment of God's promises**

Eternal Life

Protection

Strength

Healing

Provision

Grace

Favour

Peace

Etc.

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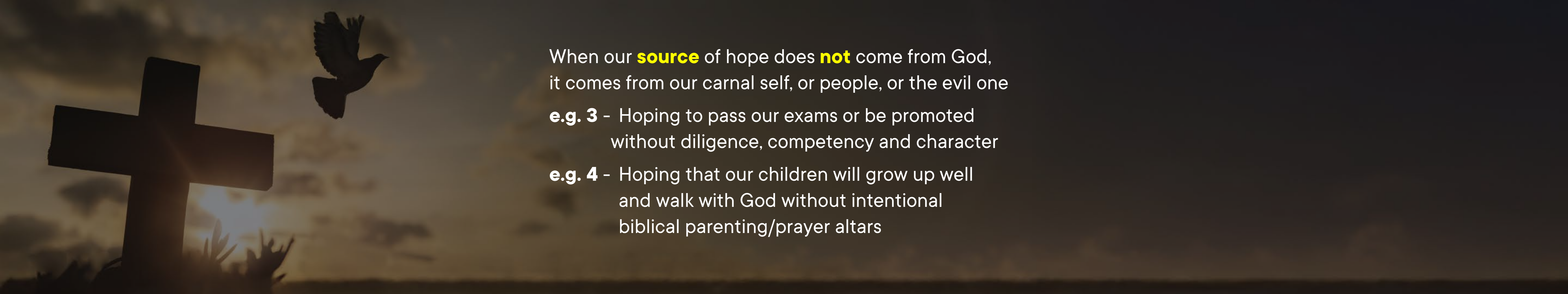
NCM + MW-man-back surgery



When our **source** of hope does **not** come from God, it comes from our carnal self, or people, or the evil one

**e.g. 1** - Hoping for \$10 million to suddenly appear in our bank account - **FAT HOPE!**

**e.g. 2** - Hoping for healing and health without paying attention to **RED** (**R**est, **E**xercise and **D**iet) or the well-being of our soul (peace and joy) - **WON'T HAPPEN!**



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**e.g. 3** - Hoping to pass our exams or be promoted without diligence, competency and character

**e.g. 4** - Hoping that our children will grow up well and walk with God without intentional biblical parenting/prayer altars

## Perfecting in Faith

Hebrews 12:2 **looking unto Jesus**, the author and **perfecter** (finisher-completor) of our faith ...  
(NIV, ESV, Berean, NASB, AMP)

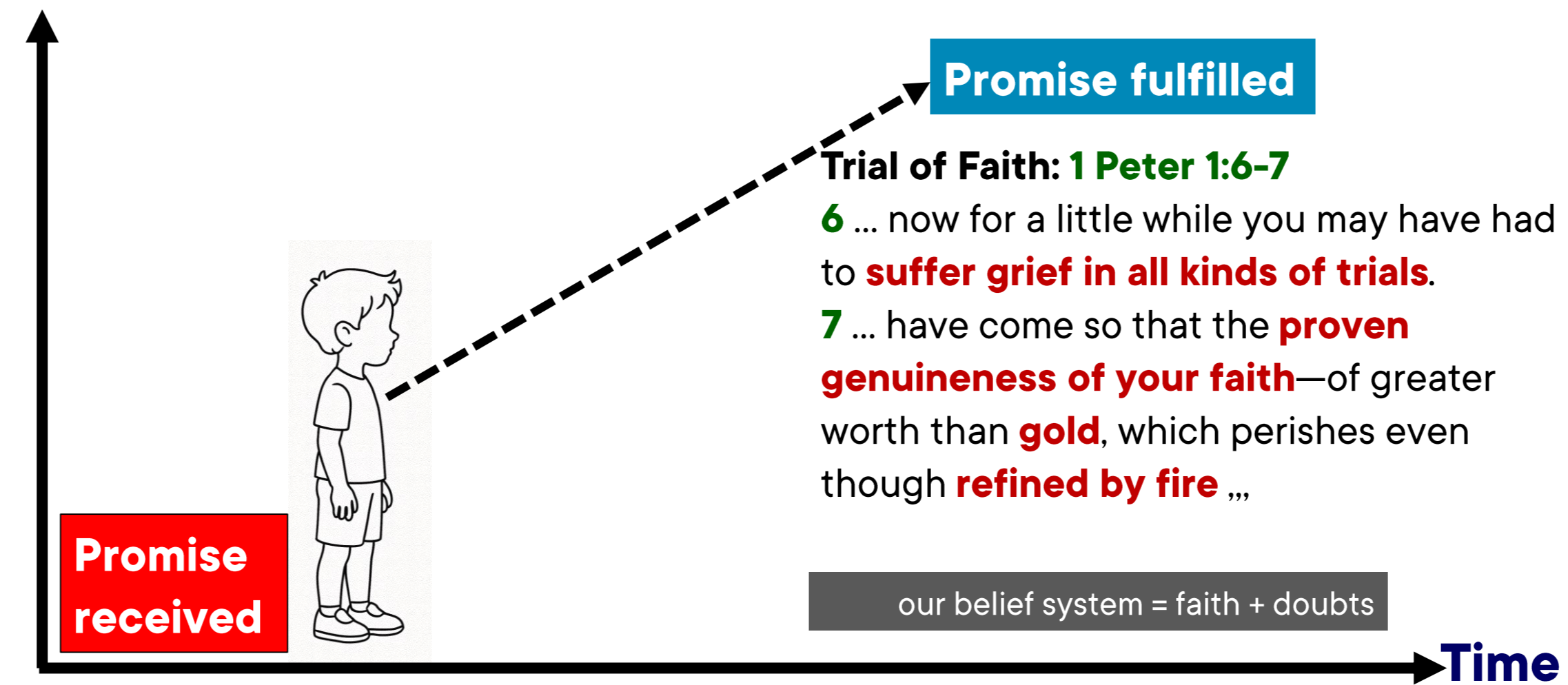
Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by **hearing**, and hearing by **the word of God**.

Luke 18:8; Jude 3

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A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, resting on an open Bible. The person is wearing a grey sweater. The background is softly blurred, showing a person's face in profile, looking down at the Bible. The lighting is warm and focused on the hands and the text of the Bible.

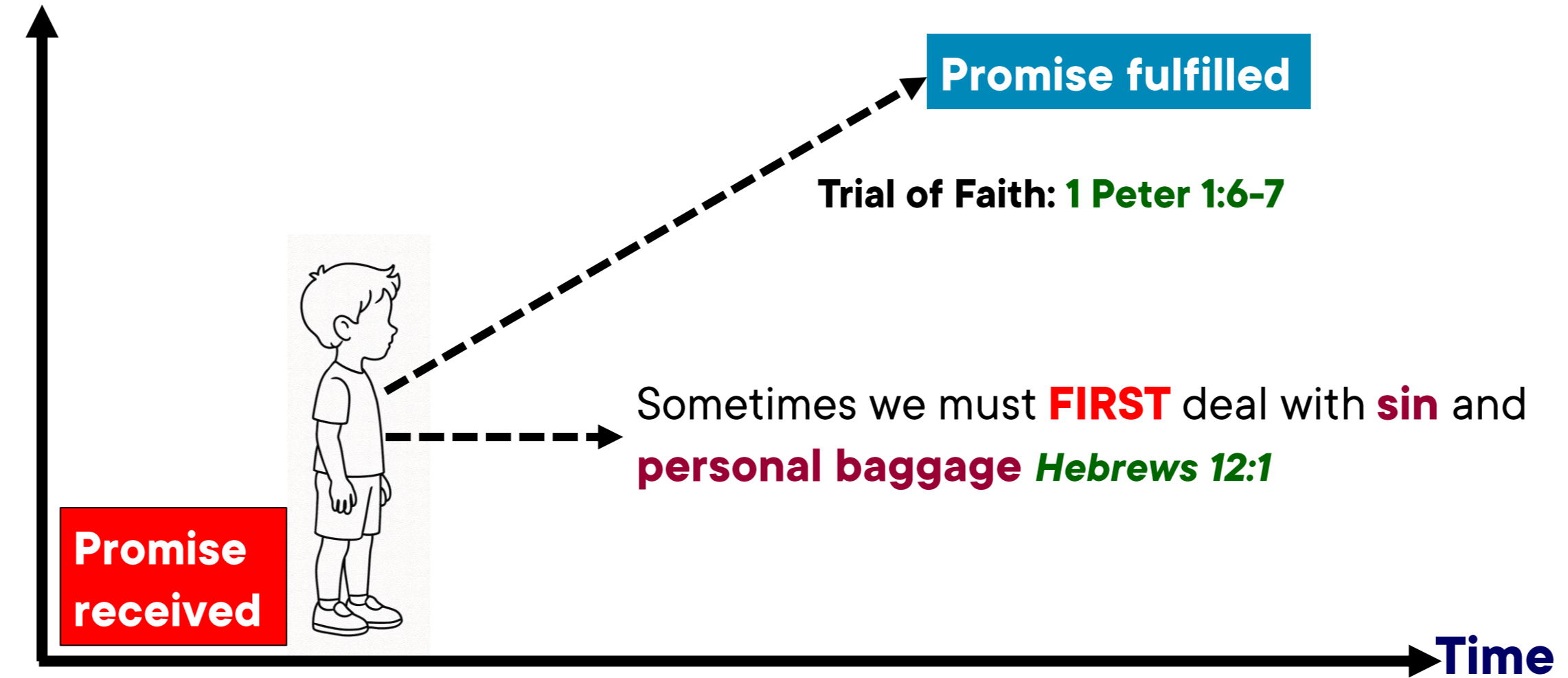
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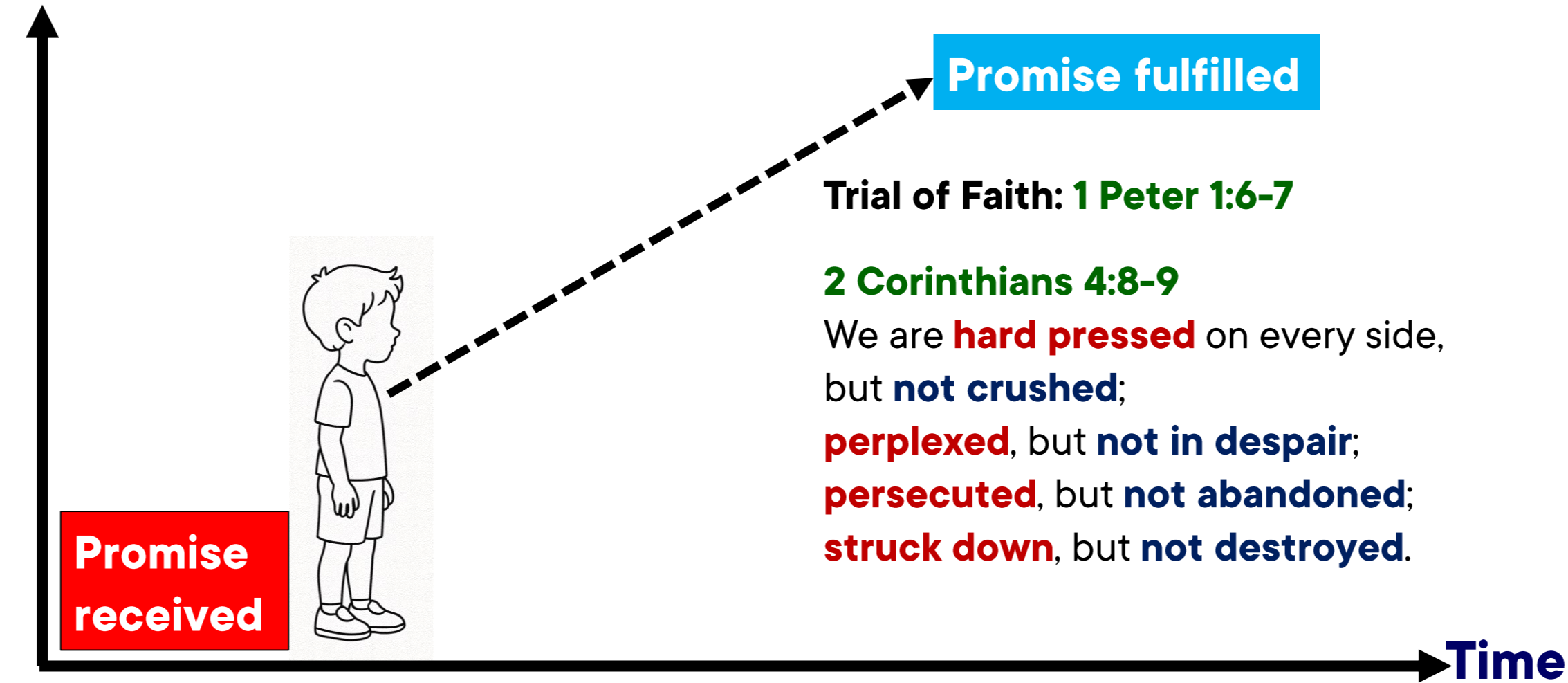
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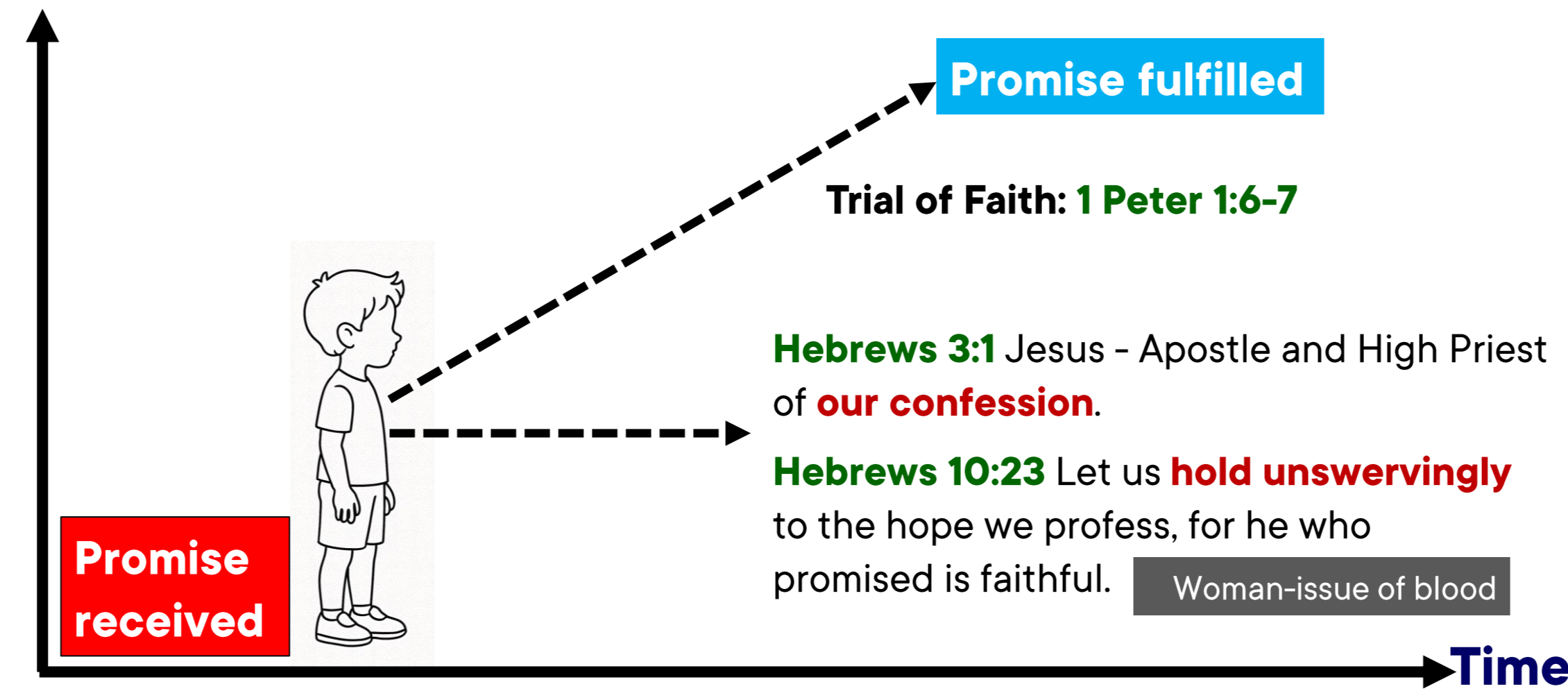
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Galatians 3:2, 5  
**the hearing of faith**

2 Corinthians 4:13  
**the spirit of faith**

**Perfecting in Faith**



## Perfecting in Faith

Hebrews 11:1 “Now **faith** is the **substance** of **things hoped for**, the **evidence** of things not seen.” ↓

- Faith is **assurance**: the foundation and confidence of our hope
- Faith is **conviction**: the proof and inner certainty of the unseen
- Faith gives us **spiritual eyes** to see what cannot be seen physically
- Faith is **trusting God at work**, even when we cannot yet see it
- Faith is the **bridge** between what we hope for and what we will experience



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- **Hope** says: “God can!” (God’s Promise)
- **Faith** says: “God will!” (Walk towards His Promise)

So when we place our **hope in God’s promises** (eternal life, healing, provision, restoration, etc.) **faith** is what gives you the **confidence** to **wait, walk and work towards it!**

**Romans 8:24-25** “For in this **hope** we were saved ... but if we **hope** for what we do **not yet have**, we **wait for it patiently**”



## Perfecting in Faith

**2 Corinthians 4:18** So we **fix our eyes** not on what is seen, but on what is **unseen**. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is **eternal**.

### Hope in action (Examples from Hebrews 11)

- **Noah** hoped in God's warning and promise, building an ark before the rain came.
- **Abraham** hoped in God's word, believing for a son though he and Sarah were old.
- **Moses** hoped in God's reward, choosing suffering with God's people over the fleeting pleasures of Egypt.



## Perfecting in Faith

### Hope in action (A Picture)

A weary traveller walks through a forest at night  
No sunlight, no clear path, yet he keeps walking  
*What keeps him going?*

- **Hope** that the sun will rise
- **Faith** that each step brings him closer, even in the dark

That's what being a Christian is all about

- Our **hope** is anchored in God's promises
- Our **faith** is the daily walk toward the unseen, yet certain, sunrise



## Perfecting in Faith

### James 1:2-4

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face **trials** of many kinds, 3 because you know that the **testing of your faith produces perseverance**. 4 **Let perseverance finish its work** so that you may be **mature and complete, not lacking anything. (faith convictions)**





## Perfecting in Love

**1 John 4:18** There is **no fear in love**. But **perfect love drives out fear**, because fear

has to do with **punishment**. →

**The one who fears is not made perfect in love.**


- Judgment
- Misfortune
- Accidents
- Sickness

- Crisis
- Calamity
- Tragedy
- Disaster

Josh – fear thots

Our discipleship journey is all about maturing, growing and perfecting in hope, faith and **LOVE**



Romans 5:5 Now **hope does not disappoint**,  because the **love of God** has been poured out in our hearts **by the Holy Spirit** who was given to us.

- let down
- proven wrong
- put to shame
- embarrassed
- abandoned ...

“Those who hope in Me will **not be put to shame**”  
Isaiah 49:23

## Perfecting in Love



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- God knows **best**
- **We do not know what we do not know** - Variables-  
Principles at work in the situation
- God holds the “**trump card**”
- **His will is always good, acceptable and perfect (GAP)**

**Perfecting in Love**



**Romans 8:28 (NIV)** And we know that in all things **God works** for the good of **those who love him**, **(1 John 4:19)** who have been **called according to his purpose (will)**. **(2 Timothy 1:9)**

**1 Corinthians 13:7-8a**

**7** It **(Love)** always protects, always trusts, **always hopes,** always perseveres. **8 Love never fails ...**

**Perfecting in Love**

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### III. Abounding in HOPE by the Holy Spirit

**Romans 15:13** Now may the **God of hope** fill you with all **joy and peace** in believing, that you may **abound in hope** by the power of the **Holy Spirit**.

Abounding in hope flows from a **vibrant, ongoing relationship with the Holy Spirit**

The background of the slide features a silhouette of a cross on the left and a dove in flight in the upper center, set against a warm, golden sunset sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

### III. Abounding in HOPE by the Holy Spirit

- **Guided by the Spirit** - Our daily walk is directed and governed by Him *Galatians 5:16, 18, 25*
- **Graced by the Spirit** - We experience the overflow of His grace and power in our lives *2 Corinthians 9:8; Ephesians 3:20*
- **Growing in the Spirit** - We mature continually into the likeness of Christ *Colossians 1:28-29*



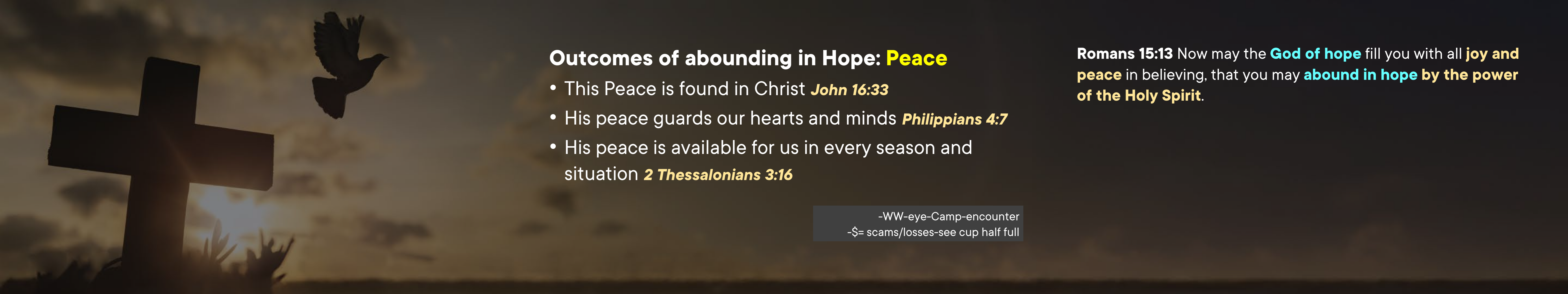
**Outcomes of abounding in Hope: Joy**

- Joy strengthens us for the journey *Nehemiah 8:10*
- Joy is found in God's presence *Psalm 16:11*

**How can we enter His presence?**

**Through thanksgiving and praise *Psalm 100:4***

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## Outcomes of abounding in Hope: **Peace**

- This Peace is found in Christ ***John 16:33***
- His peace guards our hearts and minds ***Philippians 4:7***
- His peace is available for us in every season and situation ***2 Thessalonians 3:16***

-WW-eye-Camp-encounter  
-💰= scams/losses-see cup half full

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## Apostle Peter:

### Personification of **Hope, Faith and Love**

#### **Context**

- **1 & 2 Peter** were written to persecuted Jews, some of whom faced martyrdom
- Peter's life exemplifies living hope, tested faith and steadfast love



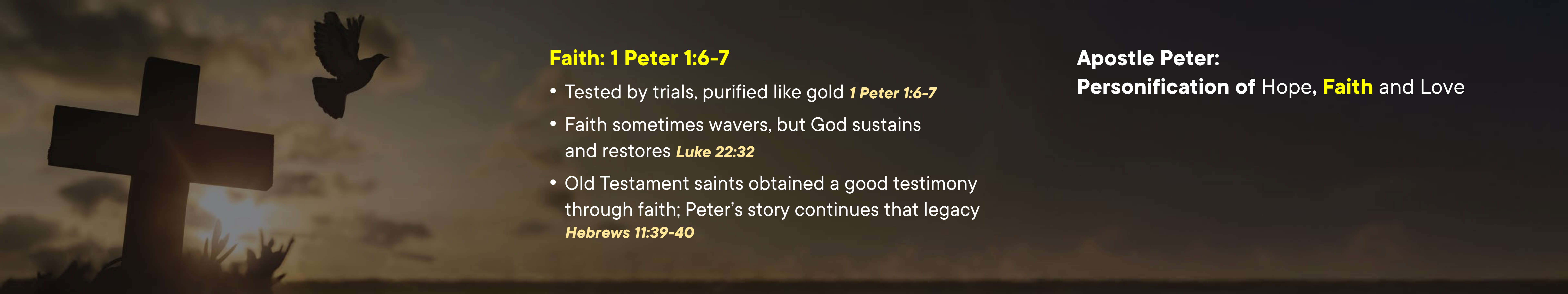
## Hope: 1 Peter 1:3-5

We have

- A living hope in Christ.
- An inheritance incorruptible, undefiled and unfading.

This inheritance is reserved in heaven and kept by the power of God.

**Apostle Peter:**  
**Personification of Hope,** Faith and Love



### **Faith: 1 Peter 1:6-7**

- Tested by trials, purified like gold **1 Peter 1:6-7**
- Faith sometimes wavers, but God sustains and restores **Luke 22:32**
- Old Testament saints obtained a good testimony through faith; Peter's story continues that legacy **Hebrews 11:39-40**

### **Apostle Peter:**

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### Love: 1 Peter 1:8

Love God even without seeing Him

- Trust and believe in Him, experiencing joy inexpressible

### How is this possible?

**John 21** tells us of the restoration of Peter because he was loved by the Lord

### Outcome

**1 Peter 4:8:** Peter exhorts us to **love each other deeply** for love covers over a multitude of sins.

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## BOTTOM-LINE

**Jude 1:20-21: How not to fall? How to abound in Hope?**

**20** But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy **faith**, **praying in the Holy Spirit**, **21** keep yourselves in **the love of God**, **looking for (Hope)** the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

### Mark 4 & 5

- disciples in a great storm
- Crossed other side-man demonised-tormented-delivered!
- Woman with issue of blood
- Raising Jarius daughter