

FINDING HOPE



Biblical Hope:

To trust in, to wait for, to expect a better future.

Finding hope the for the _____ among us.

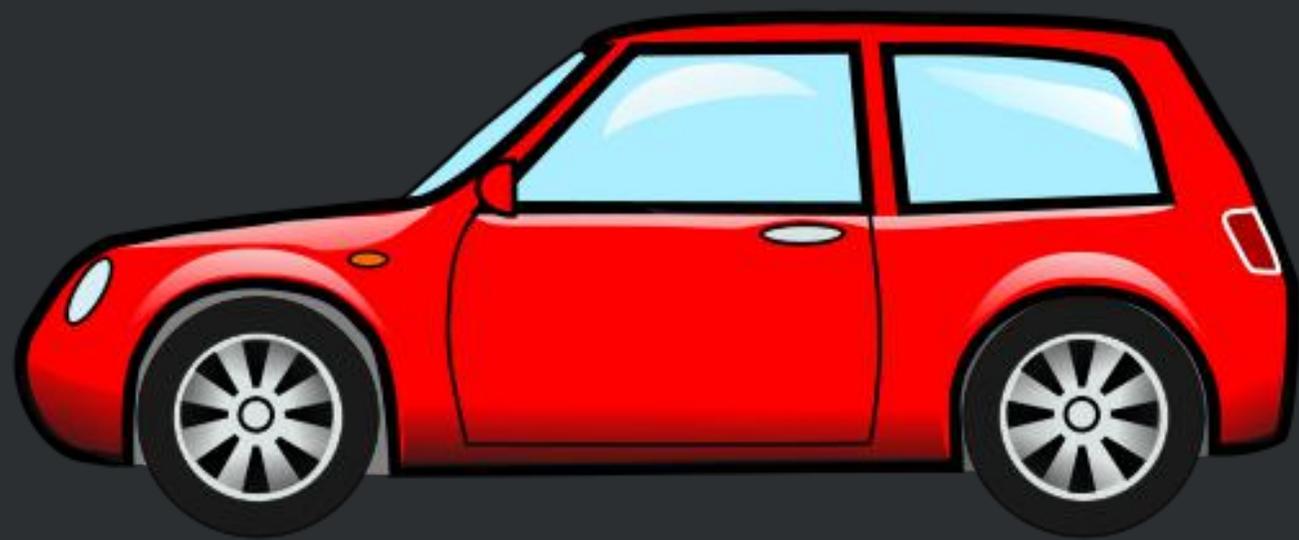
Anxious

Empty

Weary

Defeated

*Have you ever been spiritually
empty?*



We can be blessed by God so much and yet feel so empty.

*God does his best work with
empty!*

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and **empty**, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”

Gen. 1: 1-2





God does his best work with empty, because empty is an opportunity.

Are you empty this morning?

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A lesson you can learn

An opportunity you have

*If I am so blessed by God then
why do I feel so empty?*



*Solomon was a man uniquely
blessed by God with wisdom, knowledge
and riches, and yet struggled with
cynicism, **emptiness** and despair.*

-Bill Mills



“I think you should be able to do whatever you want as long as it makes you happy and doesn't hurt anyone.”

Jill from FB

A lesson you can learn:

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The gifts of God alone can
never satisfy the hungers of
our hearts.

“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”

-Augustine

“If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.”

— C.S. Lewis

An opportunity you have:

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To be filled with God's love for
you through Christ Jesus in
a fresh new way.

“In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,”

Heb. 1: 1-2

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

-John 6:35

“I pray... that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you **may be filled** with all the fullness of God.”

- Eph. 3: 17-21

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One thing I ask from the LORD,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, I will seek.

Ps. 27: 4;8

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

-John 4:4

See the gifts you have
received from God as fuel for
greater love for God.



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