# "Reasons for HOPE"

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What is hope?

## Matthew 6:26-27, 34(NIV)

<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

<sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

1. Worry is toxic, but the \_\_\_\_\_\_is hope.

## Romans 5:3-5

<sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we <sup>e</sup> also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

2. Hope is more of a \_\_\_\_\_\_than a \_\_\_\_\_

### *Romans* 8:24-25

<sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

3. Hope of Heaven is our \_\_\_\_\_\_hope

### 1 Peter 3:14-15 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." <sup>15</sup>But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

4. Hope on Earth is for \_\_\_\_\_

**Closing thoughts:**