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## USING HOPE

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*"No matter what sort of adversity or challenge you might face, you can always believe that, with hope, it can be conquered and, in the end, you will be stronger for it." Brooke Ellison*



The scripture teaches that Jesus Christ is our hope (1 Timothy 1:1). It is also understood that the concept of hope is to wait patiently for the results. Ideally we use hope when we place our confidence in Jesus Christ who is the only one who can bring about the fix needed when faced with opposition, adversity or any type of challenge in life. It is so important we have a strong confidence in our Savior's word as written in scripture. Our confidence must increase in Him so our ability to hope (wait patiently) for Him to work on our behalf is not so uncomfortable. Personally, increasing my confidence in Him to work it out has been an ongoing process with improvement on my part to believe. Therefore, my ability to wait patiently has improved. Our human mind which often

assesses our circumstances and draws conclusions interferes with our ability to use hope. As we continue to mature in Christ I believe we improve in our use of hope to deal with life's blows.

Each experience wherein we must use hope to come through should become confidence builders so the next experience we find that we are less frazzled. In essence since Jesus is our Hope and He has committed to never leave us or forsake us then we must stand on that fact. When the adversity or challenge comes our way we should then be able to wait patiently for our HOPE (JESUS) to handle the matter. He will direct us, instruct us, open or close doors, defeat the enemy, whatever is necessary. Our role is to use hope (patiently wait) in and on our HOPE (JESUS). This is a lifesaver lesson if we intend to obey the scripture and not worry and fret over things. This is truly a change for the better and for sure you and I will be stronger in the Lord for it!

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