

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – December 25 - 30**  
***Doing Life Together – Hope***

**MONDAY:** Titus 3:7, Hebrews 11:1, 2 Corinthians 4:18

**KEY VERSE:** Romans 8:24

**OBSERVATION:** People can survive without much food, water, shelter, clothing, transportation, and even affection. But without hope—many of us would've been in the grave by now. Hope is the essence of the Christian faith. We hope to go to heaven one day, we hope that God hears and answers our prayers, and we hope that our labor isn't in vain. Without hope we can never fully trust in God with all our hearts. Hope is grasping for what we can't see, but we believe because of the assurance in our hearts from God. What does the Bible teach us about hope?

**TUESDAY:** Psalm 127:2, Job 11:17-19

**KEY VERSE:** Job 11:18

**OBSERVATION:** House alarms, security guards, and metal detectors offer some hope for protection against wicked people. The eternal hope in Christ means that you're completely secure in God's hand in this world and the next. When the storms of life are raging, your anchor is the hope that God is in control.

**WEDNESDAY:** Psalm 25:21, Psalm 37:9, Psalm 34:5

**KEY VERSE:** Psalm 25:3

**OBSERVATION:** Because of our hope in the blood of Jesus, believers don't have to worry about the shame of our sins. We confess our sins and are covered by His sacrifice. Not because of our good works, but through the grace of God. Christians can come boldly to the throne of grace and seek God's help because of hope.

**THURSDAY:** Proverbs 24:20, Psalm 58:11, Psalm 19:11

**KEY VERSE:** Proverbs 23:18

**OBSERVATION:** No matter what is going on around us—there is a future hope in Christ. He's not only working in us at this very moment, but He's also working out our destiny in His kingdom. Even in our physical death, we have hope of eternal peace, joy, and comfort.

**FRIDAY:** 2 Corinthians 4:1, Galatians 6:9, 2 Corinthians 4:16

**KEY VERSE:** Isaiah 40:31

**OBSERVATION:** The demands of this life can beat us down spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Yet remembering the hope we have in Christ to overcome evil with good, to bless and not curse, and to draw on His word gives us renewed energy to face the world.

**SATURDAY:** Ecclesiastes 9:3-5

**KEY VERSE:** Ecclesiastes 9:4

**OBSERVATION:** God has planted hope in the heart of every believer so that we can build a strong relationship of love and trust with Him. Hope can be lost and found. It can be as tiny as an atom and still pack a powerful punch in the eye of despair. Hope is the gentle tug within the heart of every Christian to comfort us when we are tossed to and fro by trials. Hope is a powerful stimulant for the brokenhearted and dejected especially when we've lost loved ones in death. Where is your hope?

Portions of these readings were taken from a blog post from Crystal McDowell