

HOPE WITH US | WEEK #01

It's the Hope That Kills You, Maybe | November 12th

WHAT'S THE ISSUE ANYWAY?

How would you define the word _____?

We often mean "_____" when we use the word "hope."

We often think of hope as an _____ disposition towards the future.

The hope that _____ you is the hope that is simply an emotional wish.

Hope is the belief that your future can be _____ and brighter than your past/present and that _____ have a role to play in making it better.

WHAT WISDOM DOES RUTH 1:11-18 OFFER US?

Naomi has no hope because she sees no _____ to a brighter future.

Naomi had hope for _____ but not herself.

Ruth had all _____ active ingredients for hope.

DON'T MISS THIS!

When we see a better _____, discern the _____ there and own our _____, hope is here.

HOW CAN I LIVE THIS IN MY EVERYDAY, NORMAL LIFE?

Know the _____ between faith, hope and love.

_____ says, "I have and always will be with you."

_____ says, "I'm here to help with that hurt."

_____ says, "We can get there from here."

Embrace the _____ and _____ of hope.

HOW DOES THIS MAKE ME A BETTER PERSON AND THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE?

Scientifically informed and spiritually supercharged hope has the power to change _____.

WHAT IS GOD INVITING YOU INTO TODAY?

1. Commit to staying connected over the next five weeks as we explore the science and spirituality of Hope together.
2. Think about an area in your life you need hope. Write out a clear goal, define a path to that goal and acknowledge your part in getting there. Then, spend time praying for strength to take your first steps and wisdom to adjust the path as necessary.

THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS:

1. How do you think the average person would define hope?
2. Have you ever experienced hope for something better in your future? What happened?
3. What is the difference between “Hoping” and “Wishing?”
4. In the story of Ruth and Naomi, Ruth seemed to have hope for her future that Naomi did not share. What do you think was the difference between the two?
5. Do you think that a person who is not spiritual can have hope? How would you describe a spiritually supercharged hope?

