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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Romans 12:9-18

Did you know that you can hear a smile? Try it. The next time you are on the phone with someone listen for their smile. I promise, it works. That same principle applies to hope. Hope is an emotion; it is a feeling deep inside that allows us to press on even in the toughest of times. Logically, it shouldn't be something we can see, but it, too, is tangible.

Romans 12 suggests that hope is more of a verb than a noun. The hope we have in Christ is the kind of hope that simply cannot be contained. Yes, it is easy to be joyful in hope but that same hope is what drives our patience. They say "don't pray for patience." We don't need to; we have His faithfulness from yesterday that gives us assurance for today. We have hope not because he promises to get us through tomorrow but because he brought us through yesterday. It is an outward expression of what is true inside. That expression is your testimony, so do be joyful in your hope.

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