Hope: The Anchor of God’s Promises

“Joy is Coming Soon, I Promise!”

John 16:20-22

A. Do you like the song “____________” from the musical “Annie?”
B. I’m not trying to promote optimism or pessimism, but I do want to promote _______ in God’s ____________ which give us real ________.
C. Life is full of moments that are very _______ and bring us to tears, but those dark times and heartaches can be eventually softened and lifted by the ____ of the Lord.
D. Amanda Todd was the Canadian teenager who became an unwitting spokesperson for ____________.
E. Question: Does God have a ____________ for someone like Amanda Todd?
   Answer: “____________ may last through the night, but _______ comes in the morning” (Psalm 30:5).
F. When we know ______, we know that ____________ will not rule the day.
   1. When we know ______, we know that __________ will not last forever.
G. This is great news for us who find ourselves in a ________ ________.
H. This must have been how ___________ _____________ felt the Friday and Saturday nights following the crucifixion of Jesus.
   1. Before she knew Jesus, she had _______ ________ (Luke 8:2).
   2. Then Jesus stepped into her world, and restored _______ to her ________.
   3. She showed her _________ by reciprocating (Luke 8:3).
   4. She was near Jesus at His _____________ and helped prepare His body for burial.
I. When Sunday came, Mary Magdalene when to the ________ to finish the work she had begun on Friday (John 20:1-18).
   1. When she arrived at the tomb, her ______ news became ________.
J. It was in the midst of Mary’s darkest moment that the ______ came out.
   1. In the split second it took her to turn around, her world went from night to day, from ________ to ________.
K. Of all the people to whom Jesus could have spoken to __________, He went to ____________.
L. Joy comes because ____________ ____________.
   1. Tomorrow comes because ____________ keeps His ________
M. What do God’s people do? They keep coming to __________.
N. The greatest of all the ________ is the one when we wake up in ____________.
   (Rev. 21:1-5; 22:3-5)
   1. Hymn: “Everybody will be ___________ over ___________.