

Hope: The Anchor of God's Promises

“Joy is Coming Soon, I Promise!”

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- 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 went 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. Mary Cushman almost missed out on the _____ that comes with the _____.
- N. What do God’s people do? They keep coming to _____.
- O. 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 _____.”

Answer Key: A. Tomorrow. B. faith, promises, hope. C. hard, joy. D. despair. E. promise, weeping, joy. F. God, despair. F.1. God, sorrow. G. dark, night. H. Mary, Magdalene. H.1. seven, demons. H.2. life, life. H.3. appreciation. H.4. crucifixion. I. tomb. I.1. bad, worse. J. Son. J.1. despair, joy. K. first, Mary. L. Jesus, comes. L.1. God, promises. M. joy, morning. N. Jesus. O. mornings, heaven. O.1. Happy, There.