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RISE UP!

11. When the wheels come off

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We all need hope!

RISE UP!

Hope is essential

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

We all need hope!

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Hope is essential

Psalm 31:24

Be strong and take heart,
all you who hope in the Lord.

We all need hope!



Hope is essential

Psalm 71:5

**For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,
my confidence since my youth.**

We all need hope!

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Hope is essential

Psalm 146:5

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

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Hope is essential

Luke 2:25

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him.

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Hope is essential

Luke 2:37-38

And then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

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Without hope we wither

Proverbs 13:12

Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.

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Hoping hurts!

Romans 8:22-23

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

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2 Kings 4:13

Elisha said to him, “Tell her, ‘You have gone to all this trouble for us. Now what can be done for you? Can we speak on your behalf to the king or the commander of the army?’”

She replied, “I have a home among my own people.”

Hope abandoned

(i) in resignation

2 Kings 4:13

Then Elisha said, “Call her.” So he called her, and she stood in the doorway. “About this time next year,” Elisha said, “you will hold a son in your arms.”

“No, my lord!” she objected. “Please, man of God, don’t mislead your servant!”

Hope abandoned



(i) in resignation

2 Kings 4:17

But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.

BUT...

Hope abandoned

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(ii) in anger and fury

2 Kings 4:26

“Did I ask you for a son, my lord?” she said.
“Didn’t I tell you, ‘Don’t raise my hopes’?”

Holding on to hope

(i) A single-minded determination

2 Kings 4:33-34

He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the Lord. Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy's body grew warm.

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Holding on to hope

(ii) Trust the promise

Isaiah 40:31

but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Holding on to hope

RISE UP!

(ii) Trust the promise

Psalm 33:20

We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

Holding on to hope

RISE UP!

(ii) Trust the promise

Hosea 2:15

There I will give her back her vineyards,
and will make the Valley of Achor a door of
hope.

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