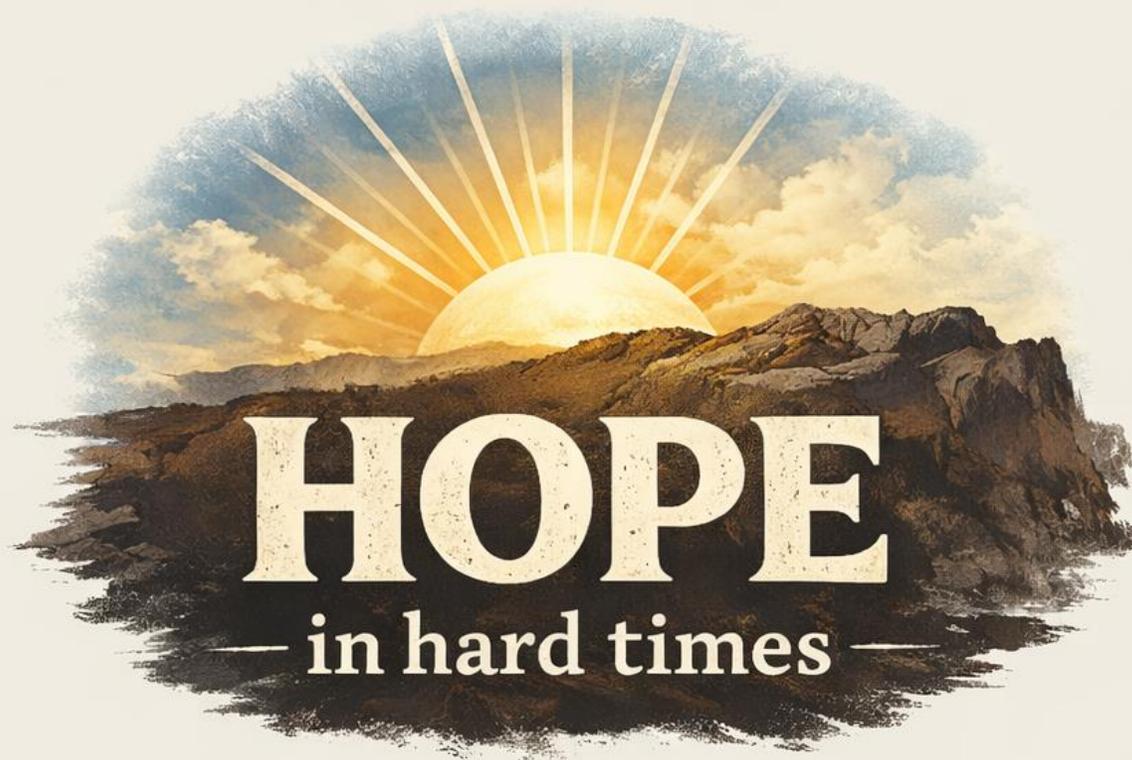


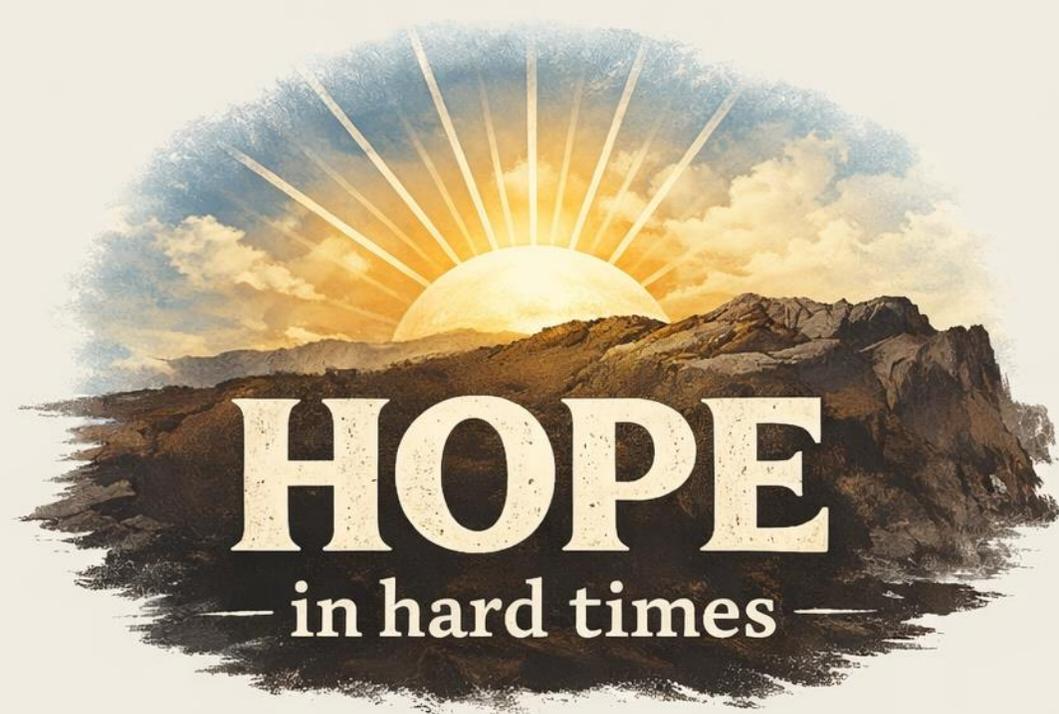
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Living Honorable in a Dishonorable World

I Peter 2:12-25



Today's Text: ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

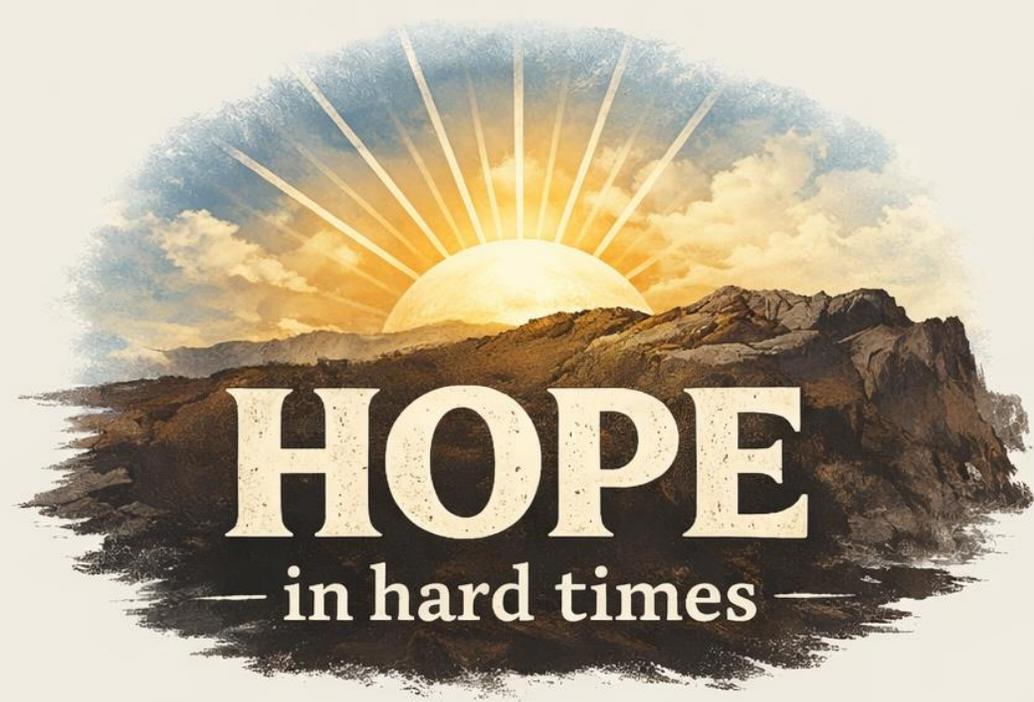
¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

¹⁸ Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. ¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

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and no deceit was found in his mouth."

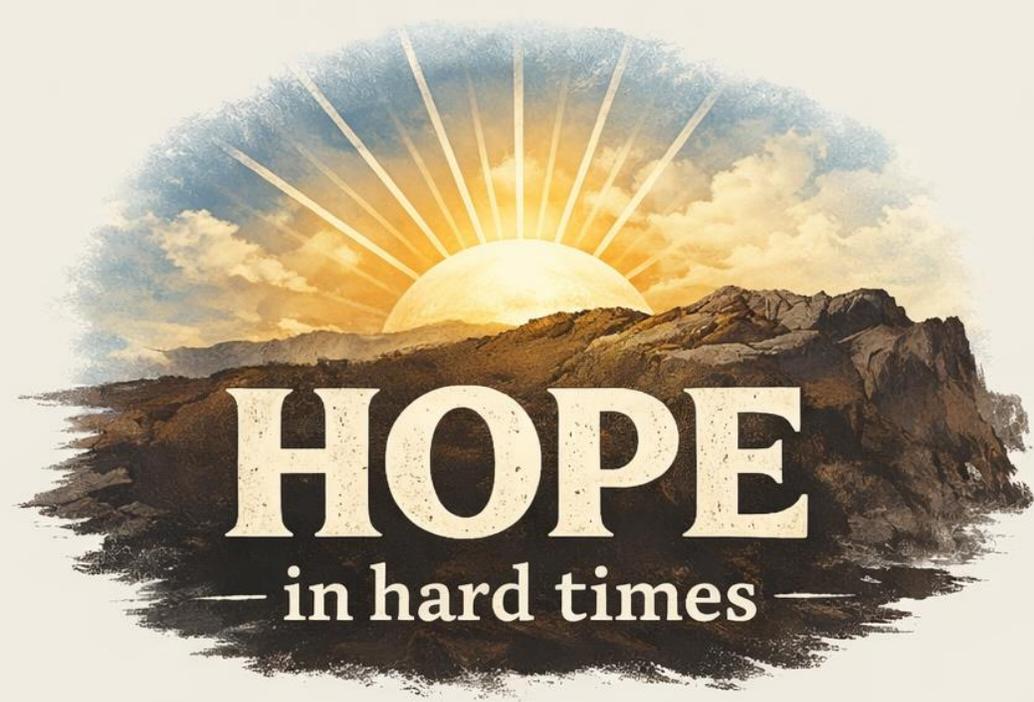
²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." ²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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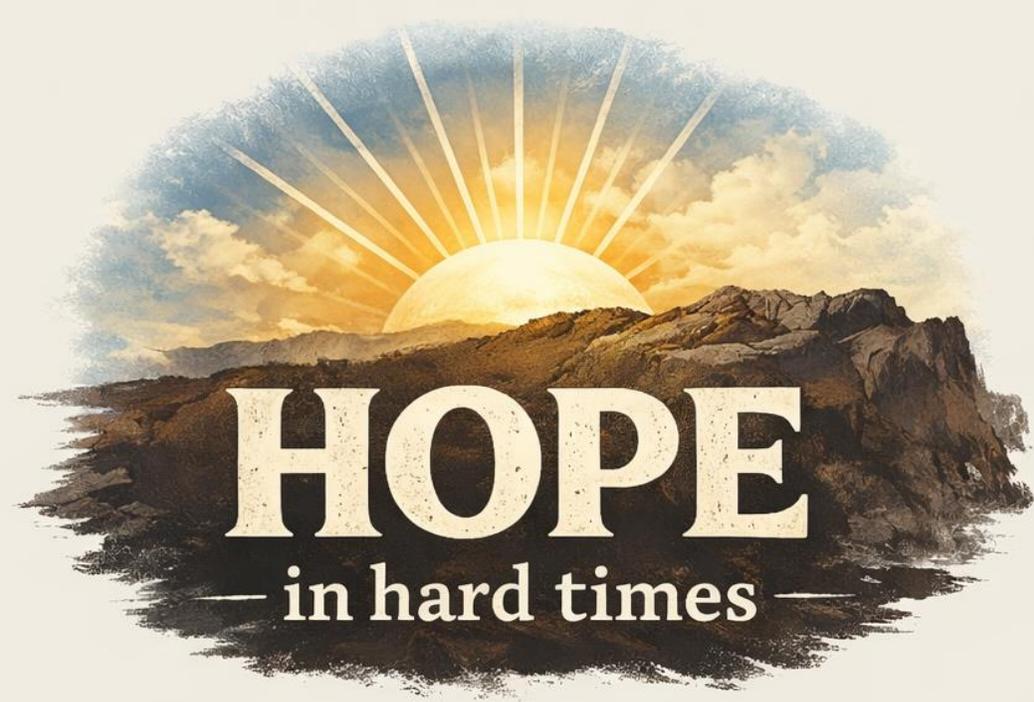
11-12 “Friends, this world is not your home, so don’t make yourselves cozy in it. Don’t indulge your ego at the expense of your soul. Live an exemplary life in your neighborhood so that your actions will refute their prejudices. Then they’ll be won over to God’s side and be there to join in the celebration when he arrives.” The Message Bible.



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1. Christians Respect Authority for the Lord's Sake (vv. 13–17)

¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. (ESV | Peter 2:13-17)

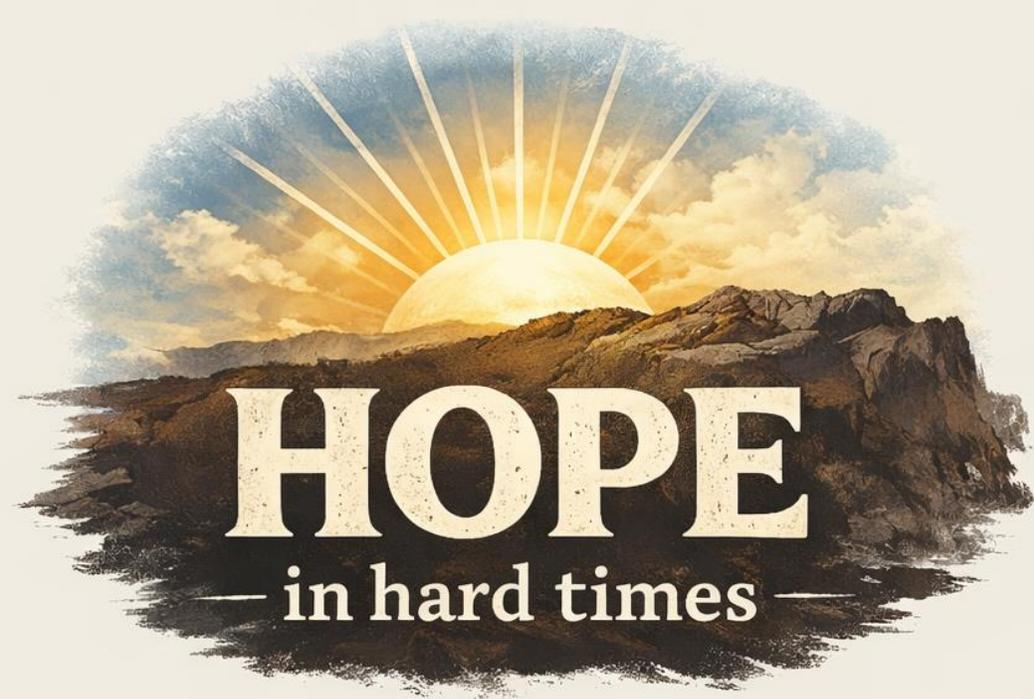


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1. Christians Respect Authority for the Lord's Sake (vv. 13–17)
2. Christians Endure Unfair Treatment with Integrity (vv. 18–20)

“Be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.”

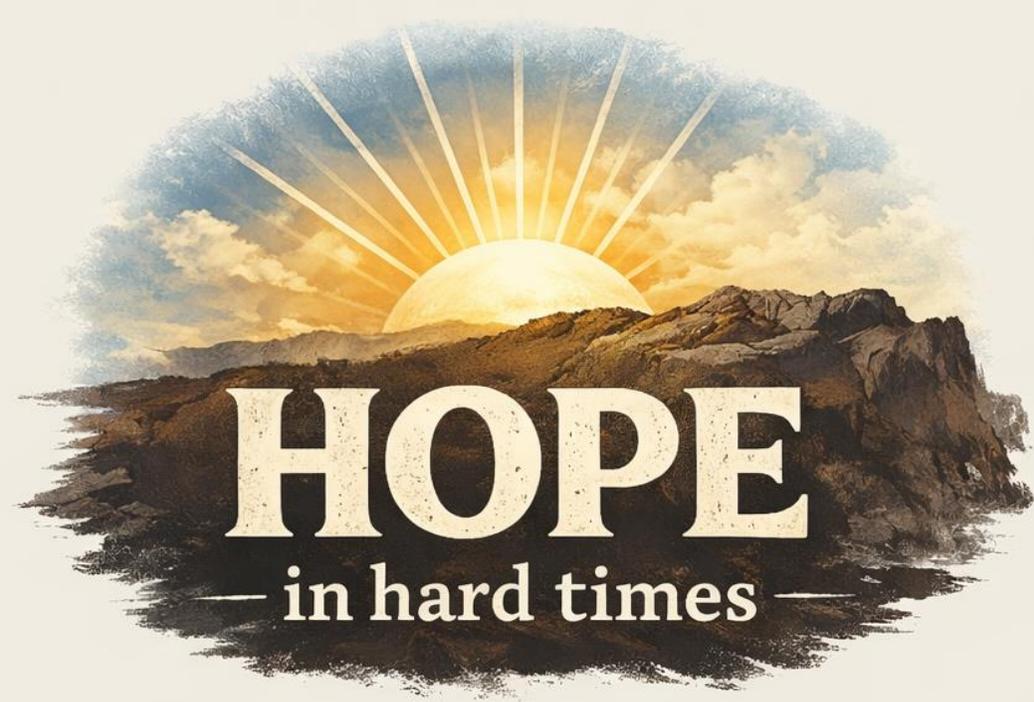
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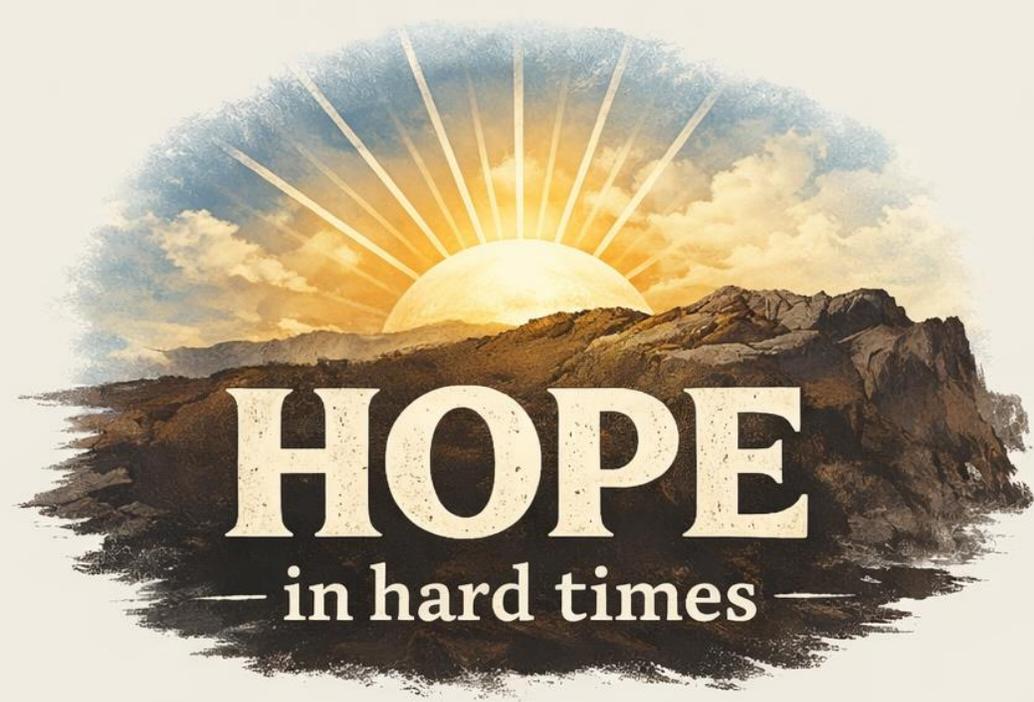
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The Big Idea:

Christians should live differently because Christ saved us and this difference is going to show up the most powerfully when we are treated poorly. In all ways we are to live like Christ in this world!



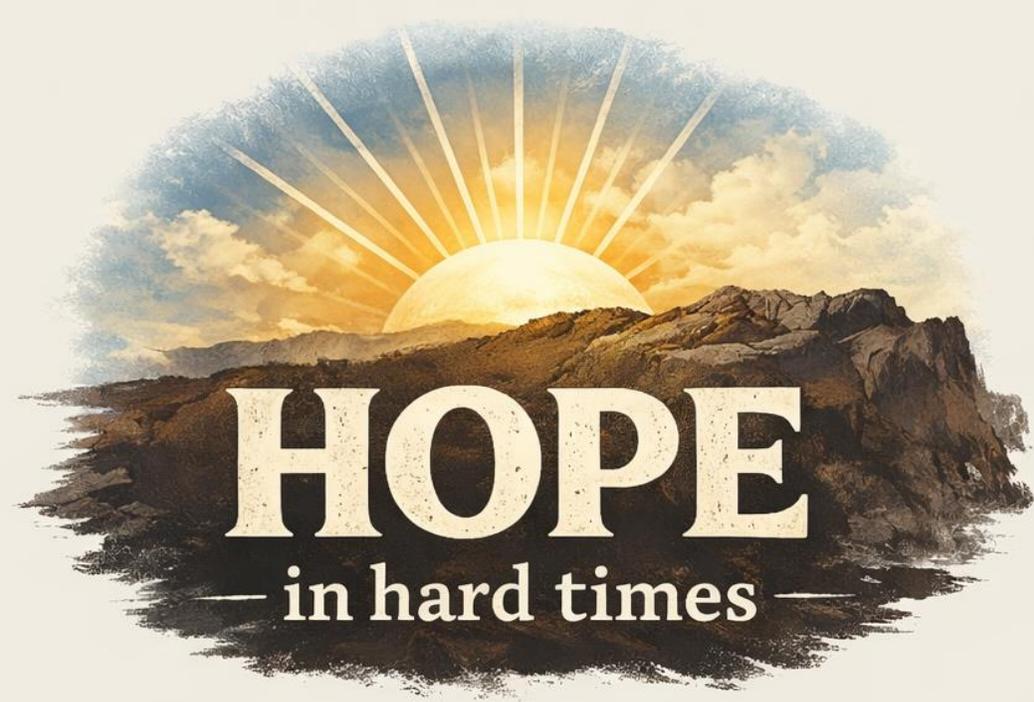
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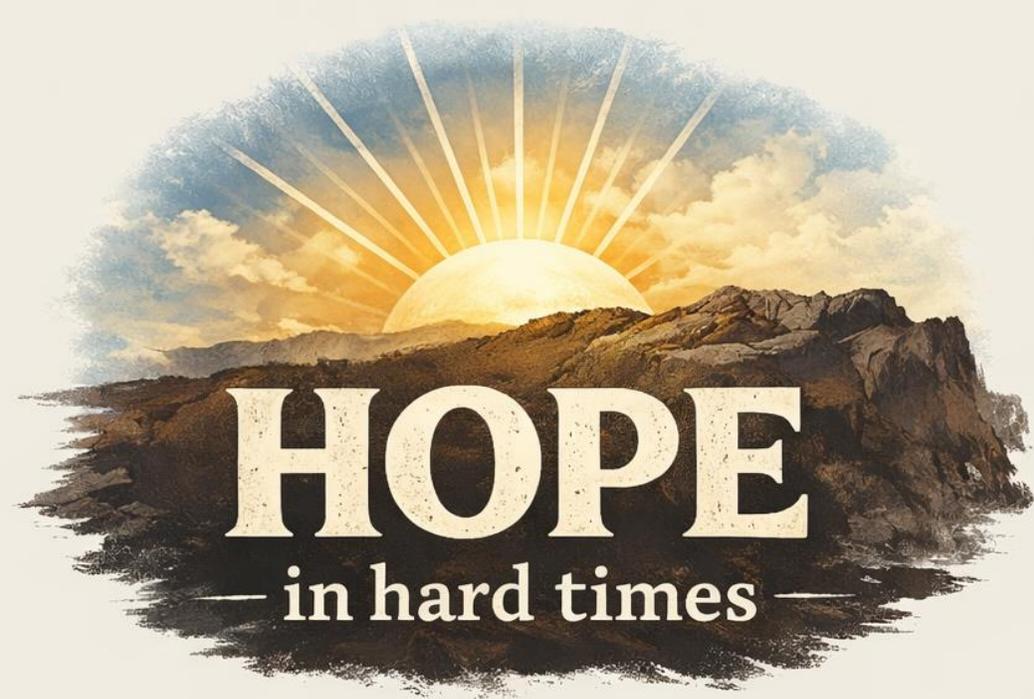
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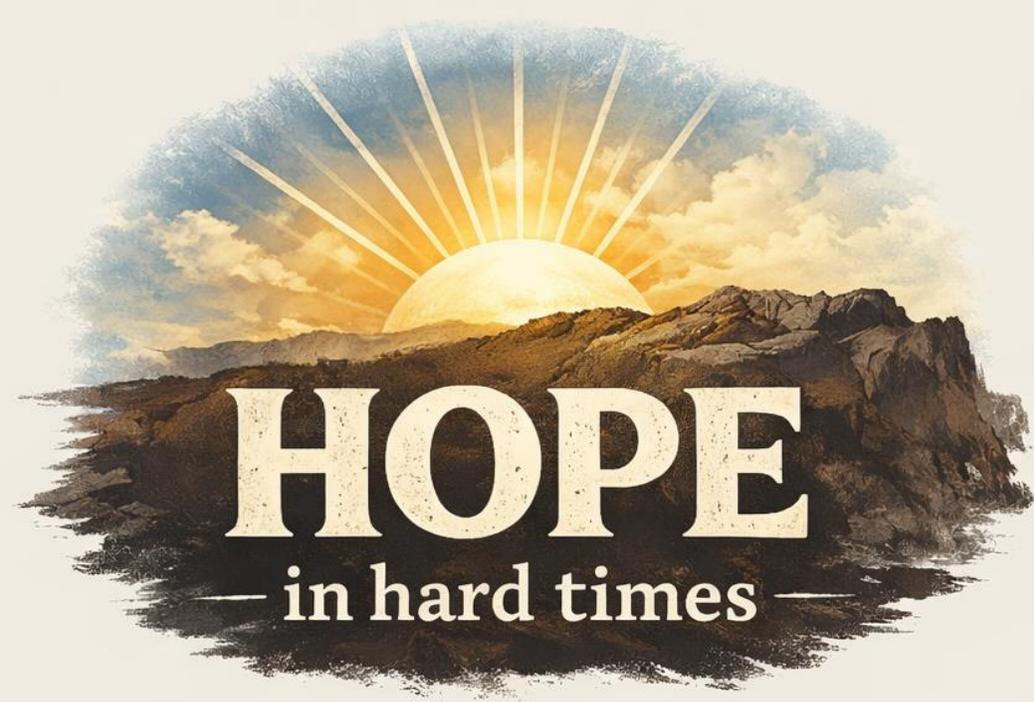
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- 1. Remember your witness matters**
- 2. Trust God with injustice**
- 3. Remember what Christ endured for you.**

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Conclusion of the matter:

The world often asks: **How can Christians live faithfully in a hostile culture?**

Peter answers: Live honorably. Endure faithfully. Follow Jesus. The One who suffered for us now shepherds us. And one day the same Jesus who endured the cross will return in glory. Until then we are to live in this world as people who belong to another kingdom – Love will Win!