

### III. GROW THRU **SUFFERING** (17:5b-10)

#### A. Suffering **matures** hope.

*“3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;  
4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.”* Romans 5:3-4

*“You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”* II Timothy 2:3

#### B. Next Step #3:

**Have** a positive attitude toward your trials.

*“10 But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.*

*11 My foot has held fast to His steps; I have kept His way and not turned aside.*

*12 I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food.”* Job 23:10-12

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**Keeping Your Hope Alive**  
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### INTRODUCTION

#### A. Welcome to Easter Weekend!!

*“5 But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.  
6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”* Matthew 28:5-6

#### B. Today we begin a brand new teaching series called Never Give Up, a verse by verse study of I & II Thessalonians.

*“I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read to all the holy brethren.”* I Thessalonians 5:27

*“For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.”* I Thessalonians 3:8

*“Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.”* II Thessalonians 2:15

#### C. **Text:** Acts 17:1-10 (Pew Bible/Pg.5/New Testament)

The word “hope” is mentioned **121** times in the Bible.

*“remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,”* I Thessalonians 1:3

## HOW TO KEEP YOUR HOPE ALIVE

### I. STUDY THE **BIBLE** (17:1-2)

#### A. Bible **reveals** hope.

*“3 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”*  
Romans 15:4

*“3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.*

*4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.*

*5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.”*  
Isaiah 53:3-5

#### B. Next Step #1:

**Attend** the Never Give Up teaching series and join a small group.

*“23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.*

*24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,*

*25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”*  
Hebrews 10:23-25

### II. TRUST IN **CHRIST** (17:3-5a)

#### A. Christ **provides** hope.

*“3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,”*  
I Peter 1:3-4

*“3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,  
4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”*  
Romans 1:3-4

#### B. Next Step #2:

**Believe** in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

*“18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,*

*19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

*20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you*

*21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.”*  
I Peter 1:18-21