

# **The Anchor Beyond**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Isaiah 40:31.
- B. Disillusion happens in the gap between expectation and reality.
- C. Hope is tied with waiting on God. (Hebrews 6:19)

## II. Hope has to be rooted in something—it is an anchor.

- A. An anchor cannot be secured if it is anchored in what a person is floating.
- B. Hope anchors us in...
  - 1. The present from the future. The believer's future is sure.
  - 2. The earthly from the heavenly. (Hebrews 8-10, Exodus 20-40)
  - 3. The visible from the invisible. (Hebrews 11:1)
- C. Jesus is our hope. (I Timothy 1:1)
  - 1. Jesus is our hope because He is our mediator.
  - 2. Jesus is the intersection between the realities. (John 1:14)

## III. How to anchor one's hope in God.

- A. Hope anchors in the promises. (Hebrews 10:23, Joshua 23:14)
- B. Hope anchors in the purposes of God. (Psalm 103:7)
- C. Hope anchors in the Person of God. We can only trust in a God that we know. (Isaiah 30:18, Psalm 19)

## IV. Application.

- A. Hope is an attitude of the heart. Get in the Scriptures that tell us about hope in God.
- B. Hope is an expression of trust in God.
- C. Hope is a source of strength.

### **Application questions:**

1. What does it mean that disillusion happens in the gap between expectation and reality?

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2. How have you seen hope strengthen those you know? What did it look like?

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3. How would you counsel someone who wants to know the God more personally? Explain.

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