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Here's Hope
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I Don't Think So

I remember explaining electricity to my son. I went into great depth to tell him about the power surging down the lines outside the house, then into the house. There was even a small discussion on how the power was made, including dams, turbines, and the like. After this extremely powerful moment of “fatherly” enlightenment, I can still hear what he said. He said “I don’t think so.” When you look at electricity on its surface, we too might say “I don’t think so.” It doesn’t take a college degree to get it, but it surely does sound “impossible.” However, if you work through all the intricacies of making power, it works. It really works.

So it is with the things of God. If you recount and wonder at the workings of God, and then the workings of God through His Son Jesus, we are amazed and awed by the works of God. We read page after page in His word of His miraculous intervention in human history and His effortless movements in all types of lives. We revel in His power and what He has shown He can do and, more wonderfully, what He will do. Creation shouts the glory and majesty of God. The laws and commands of God fit together perfectly, dovetailing with the person of Christ in the New Testament. The prophets and judges and kings of old experienced the same austere holiness of God and equally His overwhelming grace. We see how He takes the worst of us and brings out the best in us. There is almost never a moment as we spend time with Him, that we are not amazed at His mercy and out-stretched love and involvement.

So, now we turn to hope. How can we not have hope in this type of person? How can we not lean expectantly on His grace and expect His movement? How can we *not* learn that this is not just what He does but who He is? The Bible shouts, “Have faith in God.” The winds whisper “Maybe God will do something.” After all, He always does something.

Both in my own personal experience and repeatedly in the pages of Scripture, God is a person in whom we can hope. I know it sounds impossible, but He works well in the kingdom of “Impossible.” I know we are tempted to say, “I don’t think so,” but can you find a faint glimmer of trust, a passing whisper of “maybe?” God may do something big in your life today! This day, might be *the* day.

I’m praying just for that!
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