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Here's Hope
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Stay Plugged In

Go back to the source... of your hope. In the confusion of living (and there's a lot of it), it is easy to lose track of our source. It is easy to get unplugged. Without being plugged in, you run out of steam. Maybe this is why Jesus told us to "abide" in Him. We are not to just know Him (be saved) we are to walk with Him, even live (abide) there. We are to dwell in His presence. We are to be controlled by Him, to be sustained by Him, to be in constant prayer to Him, and be in cooperation with His Spirit.

And, what is the bottom line? We are in contact with the source. We get our hope from Jesus. He is like a light in the darkness, a warm coat on a cold day, or a smiling friend when we're alone. And when you're around Jesus, it is hard to be hopeless. His power fills every day with potential. His presence reminds us we are not alone. His gifts speak volumes about his future care. Isn't it amazing how all this (and more) can come from one place. When my love tank is empty... He fills it. When the darkness of confusion threatens my mind, I see the candle of His light. When the pain of living touches body, or mind... or even soul - He heals us.

Don't forget the source. Has your quiet time become an "as needed" part of your day? Have you allowed Satan to squeeze it out by over "business?" That would be like not eating and still expecting to be full. The Bible teaches us to be full of the Holy Spirit. Most of us have no problems getting full, we do have leaking problems. The idea is be constantly filled... with the Holy Spirit.

Praying for You
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