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Here's Hope

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### **Some Day My Prince will Come**

We're going to look up, and here He comes! The promise of His return runs throughout the New Testament. We are promised again and again He'll be back. We are not told when, not even told a great deal about how, but He'll come back. Some have so focused on timetables that they have turned off others to the bright promise of His return. Some have so focused on right now that they can't even see the bold message of His coming. So, to ignore the clear teaching is wrong. But, also, to completely get embroiled in the teaching is wrong as well. The truth is a balanced one. We are taught (1 Thess. 5:1-4) that He will return like a thief. The analogy is a great one! We are to be aware of thieves and watch out for them. We are to be cognizant of their reality and we wary. But, on the other hand, we are not to live our lives in fear of their presence... just be prepared.

He's coming back! That's a fact! He comes for His bride (the church). He'll take her to His forever home. Knowing that the groom will come, the bride will ready herself. She anticipates her big day. And the end result is to spend her life with the one who loves her.

Could we borrow a page from Disney? "Someday my prince will come." Do you know the song? He will sweep her off her feet. He will protect and care for her. He will love her like she's never been loved before. He will love her like she's dreamed of being loved. The Bible "Prince" is Jesus, and like the Disney prince He's coming for His bride. He loves His bride so much that He's given His life for her. Is there any reason He wouldn't return for His bride?

There are a lot of images for our Savior. He is a warrior. He is a Shepherd. He is a High Priest. He is a Carpenter. Additionally, He is our Groom. In Jesus' day the Father made the contract, then the wedding was planned... then, the son goes for the bride. So, God the Father has made a contract. The bride has been bought with a price. And the Son comes for His bride.

He came the first time to pay the price for the bride. He comes the second time to sweep her off her feet and take her home. Someday, my Prince will come. Because of that, every day I have something to which to look forward. Today might be the day.

Keep Looking for Your Prince,

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