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Sunday, December 7, 2014

**“THERE IS HOPE”**

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John Ortberg wrote, *“There is a condition of the mind that is essential for us to live the kind of lives we are longing for. Call it hope, trust, or confidence. It is the single greatest difference between those who try and those who give up. When it is lost we are sunk.”* Life is hard. Where do we find hope in such times?

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**Four reasons for our current state of hopelessness:**

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1. Hope for our Confusion – \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Hope for our Helplessness – \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Hope for our Insecurity – \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Hope for our Restlessness – \_\_\_\_\_.

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- 1. Confusion**
- 2. Helplessness**
- 3. Insecurity**
- 4. Restlessness**

*“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:6, NIV).*

- 1. Hope for our Confusion – Wonderful Counselor.**
- 2. Hope for our Helplessness – Mighty God.**
- 3. Hope for our Insecurity – Everlasting Father.**

*“So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later” (Romans 8:15-18, NLT).*

- 4. Hope for our Restlessness – Prince of Peace.**

*“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone” (Romans 12:18, NIV).*

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