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One of the greatest burdens I have as a pastor is, "Oh, God, how do I bring hope and comfort to believers who are enduring great pain and suffering? Give me a message that will cancel their doubt and fear. Give me truth that will dry the tears of the grieving and put a song on the lips of the hopeless."

The message I hear from the Holy Spirit for God's people is very simple: "Go to My Word, and stand on My promises. Reject your doubtful feelings." Hope is born out of God's promises.

I received a letter recently that contains a beautiful living illustration of this. It is from a mother who writes, "My sixteen-year-old daughter has a physical degeneration of her muscles, ligaments and joints, and is in extreme pain twenty-four hours a day. She was a ballerina and was looking forward to going to the Juilliard School in New York City. But her dreams were shattered when she was stricken with this disease. The doctor said that on a scale of 1 to 10, her pain is at 14. The amount of painkiller needed to be effective for her would destroy her kidneys, so she can't take the medication."

In the face of everything, amid a relentless shaking of body and soul, this mother and her daughter testify that they have put their hope in God's Word and He has given them unspeakable peace.

Has the enemy tried to tell you that God has bypassed you? Have you been tempted to conclude that the Lord isn't with you? Have you almost given up your faith? Put your hope in the Lord's Word to you: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5).

"The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, has not forsaken them that seek thee" (Psalm 9:9-10).