

The Last of Us Part 1: "Someone's Last Hope"

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"<u>Unrelenting disappointment</u> leaves you heartsick, but a sudden good break can turn life around."

Proverbs 13:12 (MSG)

"When hope is crushed, the heart is crushed, but a wish come true fills you with joy." Proverbs 13:12 (GNT)

"Scripture reassures us, 'No one who trusts God like this—heart and soul—will ever regret it.' It's exactly the same no matter what a person's religious background may be: the same God for all of us, acting the same incredibly generous way to everyone who calls out for help. 'Everyone who calls, 'Help, God!' gets help.' But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it? That's why Scripture exclaims, 'A sight to take your breath away! Grand processions of people telling all the good things of God!' But not everybody is ready for this, ready to see and hear and act. Isaiah

asked what we all ask at one time or another: '<u>Does anyone care, God</u>? <u>Is anyone listening</u> <u>and believing a word of it?</u>' The point is: Before you trust, you have to listen. <u>But unless</u> <u>Christ's Word is preached, there's nothing to</u> <u>listen to</u>."

Romans 10:11-17 (MSG)

"You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. And people don't hide a light under a bowl. They put it on a lampstand so the light shines for all the people in the house. In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16 (NCV)

IF I AM GOING TO BE THE LIGHT OF HOPE, IT HAS TO...

1.	 _ WITH WHAT I	

"Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it."

Hebrews 11:1 (NCV)

"If you have faith, you will receive whatever you pray for."

Matthew 21:22 (CEB)

"You can get anything—<u>anything you ask</u> [hope] for in prayer—if you <u>believe</u>."

Matthew 21:22 (TLB)

2.	THROUGH WHAT I
	"We must hold on to the hope we have, <u>never</u> <u>hesitating to tell people about it</u> . We can trust God to do what he promised." Hebrews 10:23 (ERV)
3.	"" A LIFE BY WHAT
	"I pray that the <u>God who gives hope</u> will fill you with much joy and peace as you <u>trust in him</u> . Then you will have more and more hope, and it

will flow out of you by the power of the Holy

Spirit."

Romans 15:13 (ERV)

"My friends, what good is it to say you have faith, when you don't do anything to show you really do have faith? Can this kind of faith save you? If you know someone who doesn't have any clothes or food, you shouldn't just say, 'I hope all goes well for you. I hope you will be warm and have plenty to eat.' What good is it to say this, unless you do something to help? Faith that doesn't lead us to do good deeds is all alone and dead!"

James 2:14-17 (CEV)