

Finding Hope in Jesus Christ

To help you think about how having hope because of Christ can affect our lives in different circumstances, select one of the following scenarios (or come up with one on your own):

James has fallen back into sinful habits that he thought he had left behind.

Becca's father has stopped coming to church and has declared that he no longer believes in God.

Analise is struggling to keep up with all of her obligations at school, work, and home.

Finish these two phrases, stating how the person might look at his or her situation differently:

- Without hope in Jesus Christ, _____

- With hope in Jesus Christ, _____

Discuss the following questions:

- How could this person exercise faith in Jesus Christ? See if you can find a scripture to include in your response.
- How might exercising faith in this way help this person have more hope through Jesus Christ?
- What might you say to this person if he or she asked you why you have hope in Jesus Christ? (See 1 Peter 3:15.)