

Express outwardly what  
you feel inwardly.

Act according to hope,  
not circumstances.

Open up so others can  
build you up.

What other responses do you often turn to when hope is deferred? Why do you respond that way? What biblical response above would be a better substitute for you?

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### 3. APPLY THE TRUTH

What situation or circumstance in your life right now is threatening or stealing your hope in Jesus? What do you need to do to keep hope alive in that situation?

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### 4. COMMIT THIS WEEK

Hopelessness and darkness thrive in isolation. Who will you share your struggle with this week so they can encourage and build you up? (Hint: A member of your small group is a great option.)

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## WHEN HOPE IS DEFERRED

January 14, 2018

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18, 3:1-5

I. Express \_\_\_\_\_ what you feel inwardly. — v. 1-2

II. Act according to hope, not \_\_\_\_\_. — v. 3-4

III. \_\_\_\_\_ so others can build you up. – v. 5

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## WHEN HOPE IS DEFERRED

### SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

We want hope. We need hope. We can have hope, and hope that doesn't fail or falter.

#### 1. REVIEW THE SERMON

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5. Why was Paul struggling with hope? List some things he did to deal with his struggle. Have you ever tried these methods to deal with a struggle of hope? What happened, positive or negative?

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Paul exhorts the Thessalonians not to lose hope in the midst of trials and afflictions because of what they know to be true of Christ. List some things you know are true about Christ that can help your hope in the midst of trials. Why do we often live in response to our circumstances rather than the truth we know about Jesus?

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#### 2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

When dealing with losing hope in the midst of struggles, how do you respond?

Circle the response that comes easiest to you.

Draw an X through the response that is most difficult for you.



**JESUS KEEPS HOPE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**FROM BECOMING HOPE \_\_\_\_\_.**

#### Stewardship Report:

Last Week: \$2,625.00

This Month: \$2,625.00

Last Month: \$35,327.00

Monthly Budget: \$15,070.00



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