



Irresistible Hope

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.” ~ Romans 5:12

“There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins.” ~ Ecclesiastes 7:20

Three Reasons We Fall Short

1. Because of **nature**
2. Because of **nurture**
3. Because of **culture**

Five Results of a Broken World

1. Natural **disasters**
“Creation is confused...” ~ Romans 8:20
2. Physical **decay and death**
“Our physical body is becoming older and weaker.”
~ 2 Corinthians 4:16
3. Emotional **distress** and **disappointment**
“They are distressed because they had been confident they arrive there only to be disappointed.” ~ Job 6:20

¹⁸“I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do - this I keep on doing.”
~ Romans 7:18-19

4. Relationship **problems**

5. Spiritual **darkness**

“I am like a caravan, lost in the desert, searching for water.”
~ Job 6:18

Why Does God Let Things Continue?

1. To give us a **choice**.

“See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.” ~ Deuteronomy 30:15

“A time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak.” ~ Ecclesiastes 3:7

2. To show us a **need for a savior**.

3. To demonstrate **His grace**.

“The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”
~ 2 Peter 3:9