

THEME: HOPE REALIZED > Proverbs 13:12 > Romans 15:13

CONVERSATION:

- 1. Ever hoped like crazy for something & not received it? If so, how'd you respond?
- 2. What's the biggest current hope-crusher for you?
- 3. Why do we place our hope in 'sketchy hands' so often? Is it just easier?
- 4. Check out Romans 15:13 >

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- A. Being totally honest > what are some 'sketchy toddlers' you've been letting hold your hope?
- B. How can we 'transfer' our hope from the 'toddlers' hands into God's hands?
 - a. Do you know anyone who has most of their hope in God's hands?
 - i. If so, how has that visibly affected their lives?
- C. How would the last year have been different for you if your hope lived mostly in God's hands?
 - a. How could those differences have been 'light' that could've helped others around you?

RESPOND:

What would make this year easier to find hope for than last year?

What's one real step you can take this week to 'transfer' some of your hope out of 'toddlers' hands?

Is there somebody you know who's especially struggling with hope right now? What can you do to encourage them?

Pray for each other > pray for the courage & wisdom to trust God more & the ability to take your hope back from sketchy hands.