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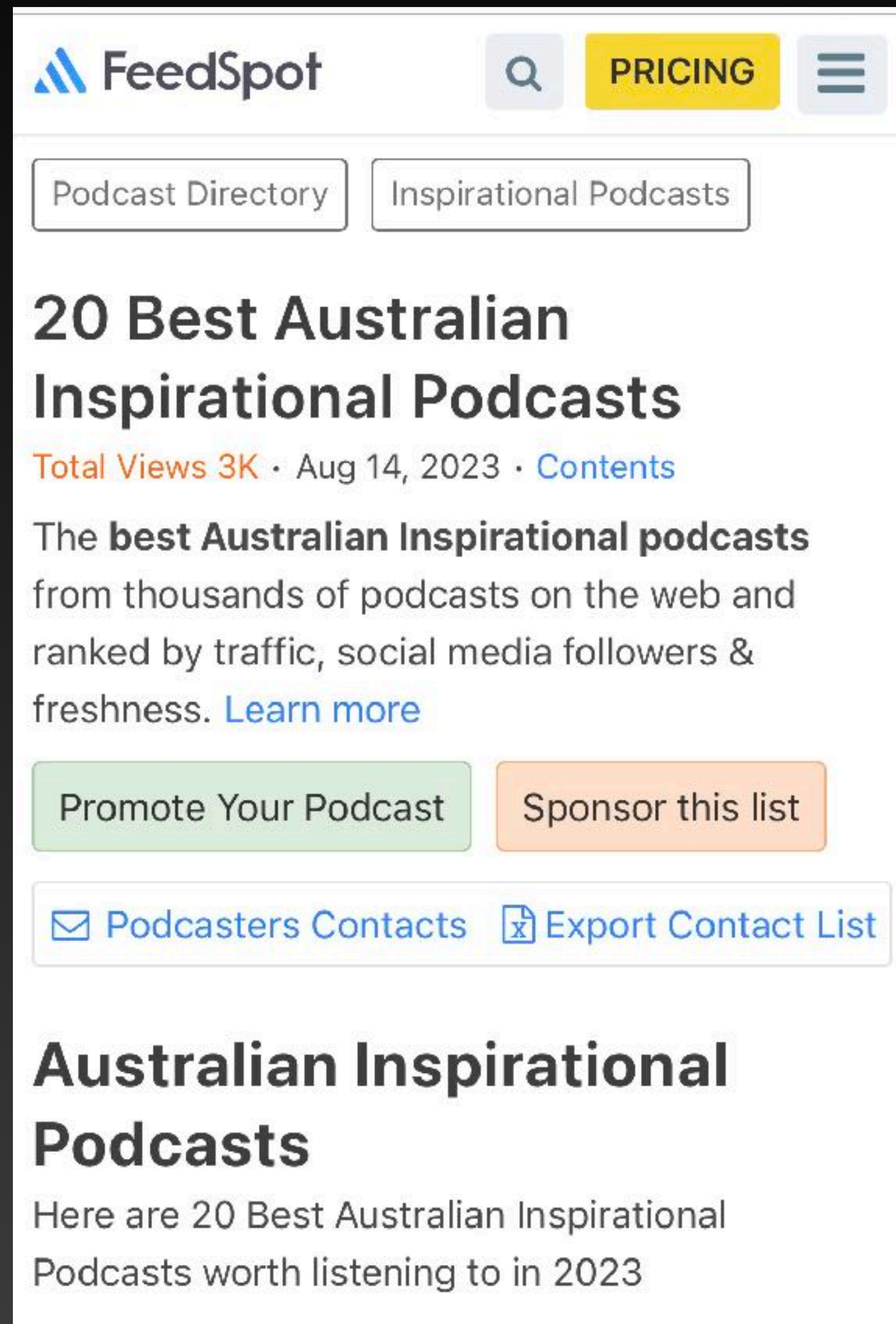
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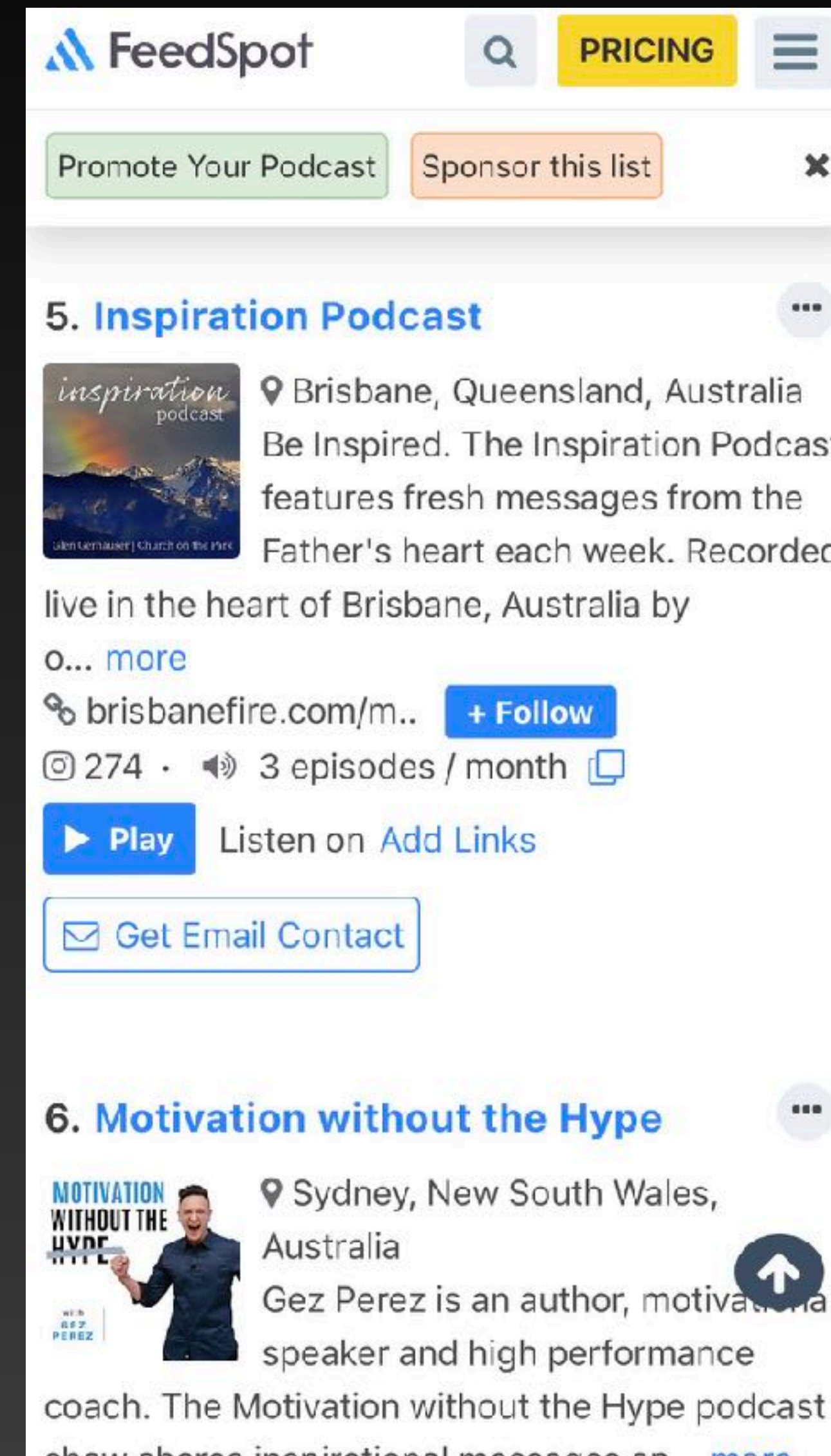
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For the last few weeks, we've been focusing on trust. One of the essential takeaways is that when the Scriptures call us to believe or have faith, they invite us to trust in God, not merely believe facts about God (James 2:18-19).





**Authentic faith produces fruit (James 2:20-26).**



Now we will progress to hope. Faith and hope go together like a husband and wife. If the two aren't married together, there will be no fruit, no new life birthed.





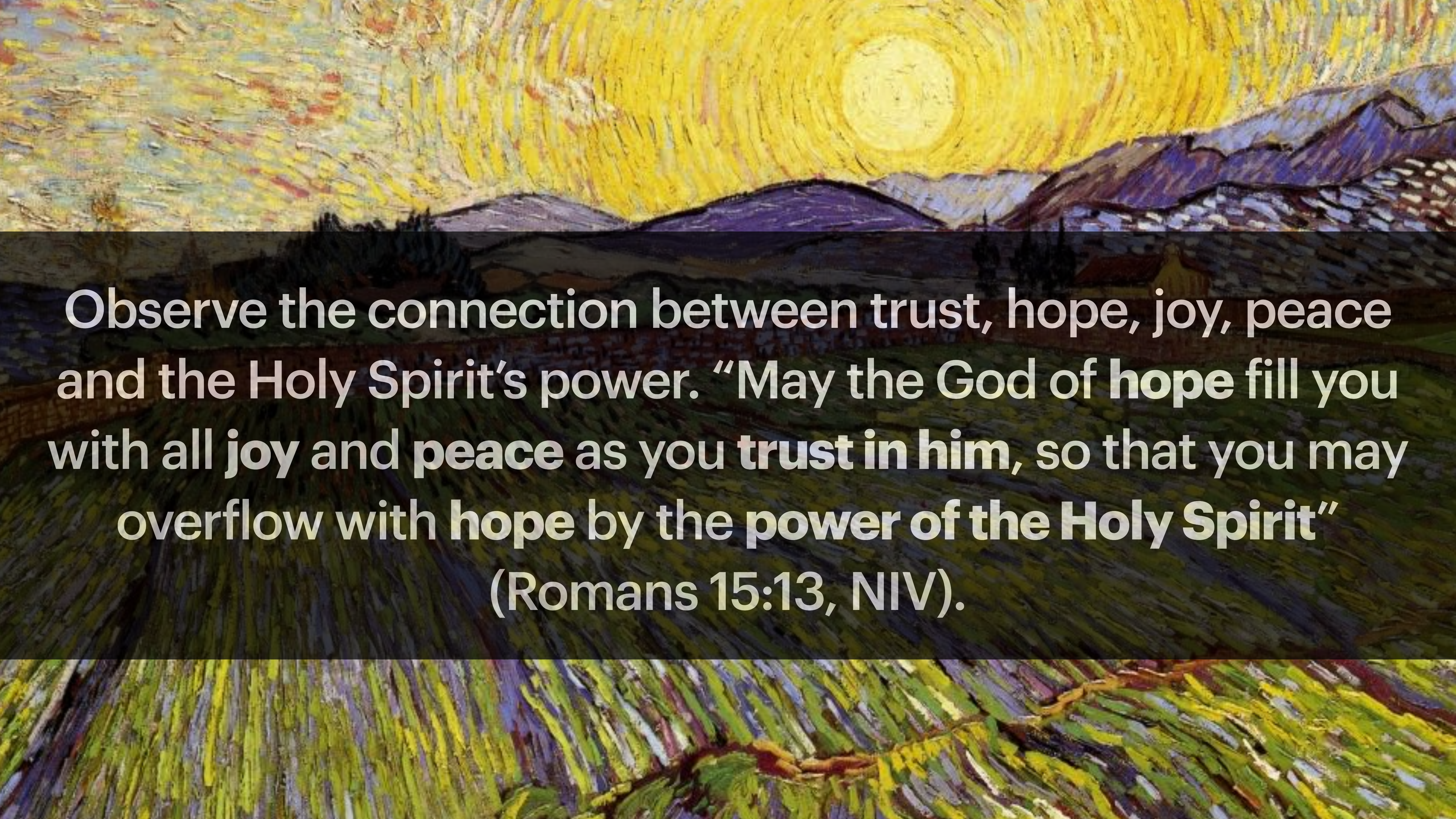


I woke up with this verse yesterday:

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:13, NIV).





The background is a highly textured, expressive painting. The top half features a bright, glowing sun in shades of yellow and orange, with visible brushstrokes radiating from it. Below the sun, the landscape is rendered in dark, muted tones of purple, blue, and green, suggesting a sunset or sunrise over a valley. The bottom half of the image is dominated by a dense, textured foreground of green and yellow brushstrokes, possibly representing grass or foliage. The overall style is reminiscent of Impressionism or Post-Impressionism, with a focus on color and light.

Observe the connection between trust, hope, joy, peace and the Holy Spirit's power. "May the God of **hope** fill you with all **joy** and **peace** as you **trust in him**, so that you may overflow with **hope** by the **power of the Holy Spirit**"  
(Romans 15:13, NIV).



# Hope

*Inspiration Translation by Glen Gerhauser*

Romans 15:13

Now the God  
Who knows the future -  
Who is hope -  
Fill you with  
Effervescent joy and  
Restorative peace  
As you trust in  
His faithfulness.

Then, you'll abound,  
Overflowing with hope -  
God's own confident expectation -  
By the Holy Spirit's power.

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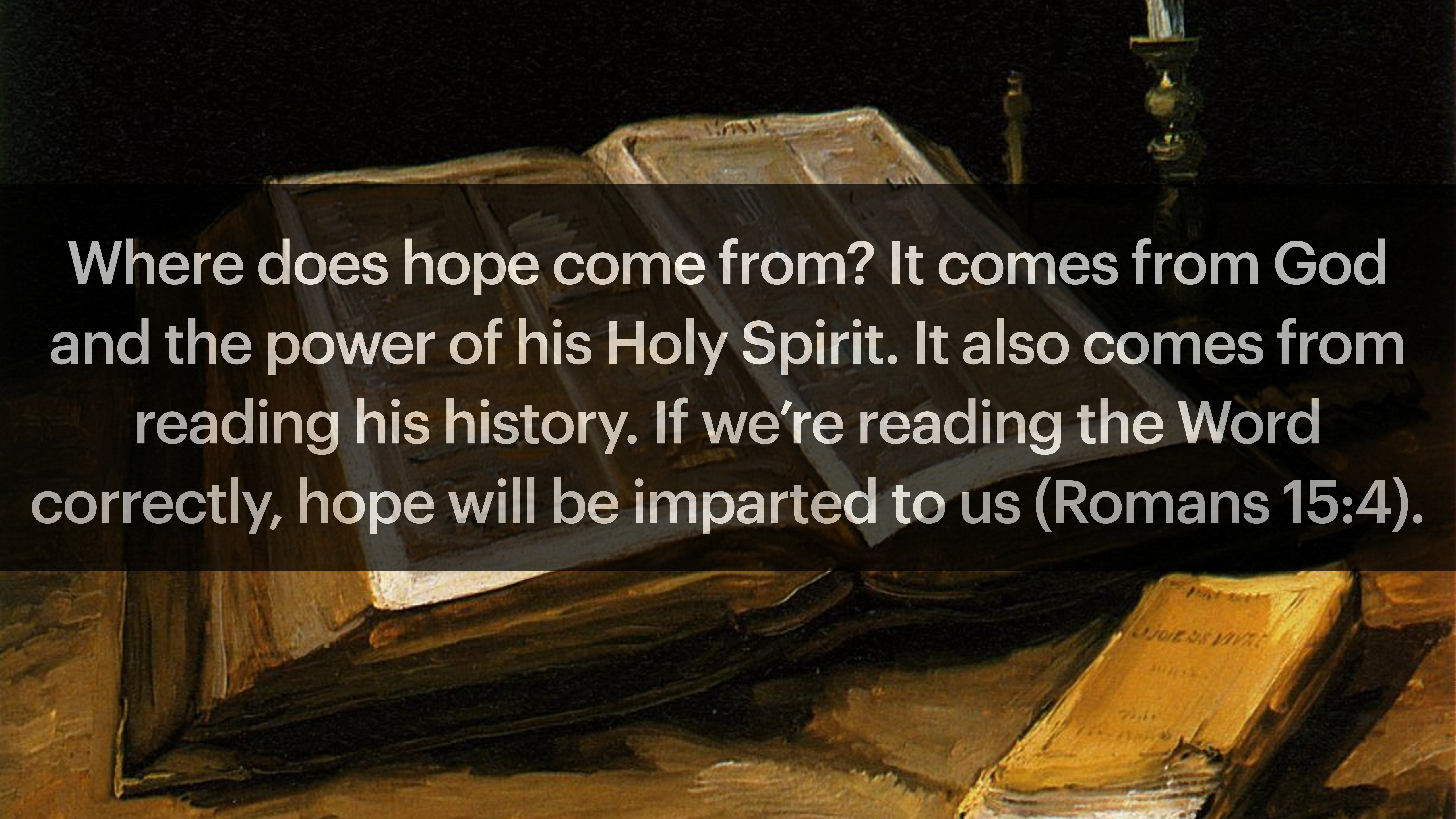
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An oil painting depicting an open book with aged, yellowed pages. The book is illuminated by a single candle in a glass holder, which is positioned to the right. The scene is set against a dark, shadowy background, creating a dramatic and focused atmosphere. The brushstrokes are visible, particularly in the highlights on the pages and the candle's flame.

**Where does hope come from? It comes from God and the power of his Holy Spirit. It also comes from reading his history. If we're reading the Word correctly, hope will be imparted to us (Romans 15:4).**



**It seems mature to have a dark outlook on life and the church, to be jaded and without hope.**

**And yes, the world's sins will suck hope out of you if you focus on them (Isa. 60:2-3).**





Hope is like helium that causes you to rise above the darkness.

Helium is the second lightest element in the known universe, and since the helium molecule is about eight times lighter than the oxygen molecule, a balloon rises when filled with it.





**Our mindset must be filled with hope in every area of our lives. This happens when we think biblically like Paul rather than like everyone else around us.**





A person in a dark jacket and cap stands on the edge of a dark, rocky cliff, looking out over a vast valley. The sun is rising in the distance, creating a bright, hazy glow that illuminates the scene. The foreground is dark, with some grasses and small plants visible on the cliff edge. The overall mood is one of contemplation and hope.

# Twelve Areas to Practice Trust and Live in Hope





**Family**

**Friends**

**Forgiveness**

**Finances**

**Flesh**

**Areas to  
Trust God &  
Hope in his  
Goodness**

**Future**

**Flock**

**Food**

**Field**

**Failure**

**Feelings**

**Fears**