

God, I feel so lonely. I have spent an entire day with my friend, but all I have done is listen to her talk about her life. I do not want to be selfish, Lord-but I had a problem I wanted to share with someone, and she refused to listen. I felt like all she wanted from me was to be a sounding board for her voice, chattering on and on about trivial things. I feel angry and I feel guilty for resenting her. Lord, thank You that You always listen to me. Lead me to a friendship that will provide an equal give-and-take.



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Hopelessness



*“For I know the plans I have for you,”
declares the Lord, “plans to prosper
you and not to harm you, plans to give
you hope and a future.”*

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

Why do I get so depressed, Lord? Why do I surrender my peace? Help me to hope in You, knowing that soon I will be praising You for all You have done. You are the one who will make me smile again. You are my God.

(Psalm 43:5)



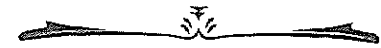
Lord, I put my hope in You, for Your love never fails.

(Psalm 130:7)

We tend to think of hope as a cheery, optimistic outlook on life. But the biblical concept of hope is far greater and deeper. It is a confidence and expectation in what God will do in the future, an understanding that the same God who was with us yesterday will be with us tomorrow.

When things seem hopeless, we are robbed of this confidence. We feel as though the future is empty and barren. But hopelessness is always a lie, for our God has big plans for us! No matter how hard the road, it always leads us into His presence.

Lord, he did it again. He broke his promise to me. He let me down. I feel like such an idiot. Show me what to do now. Should I confront him? Should I let him know that I cannot trust him again? What would You do in my place? Please give me Your wisdom.



I found out that my friend has been gossiping about me, God. She has been talking about me behind my back. She has been sharing my confidences with people without my permission. How could she betray my trust like that? Lord Jesus, I know I have let You down in many ways. Help me not to be self-righteous. Help me to forgive-but at the same time, help me to learn not to share my heart so openly with someone who has not proven that she can be trusted.