

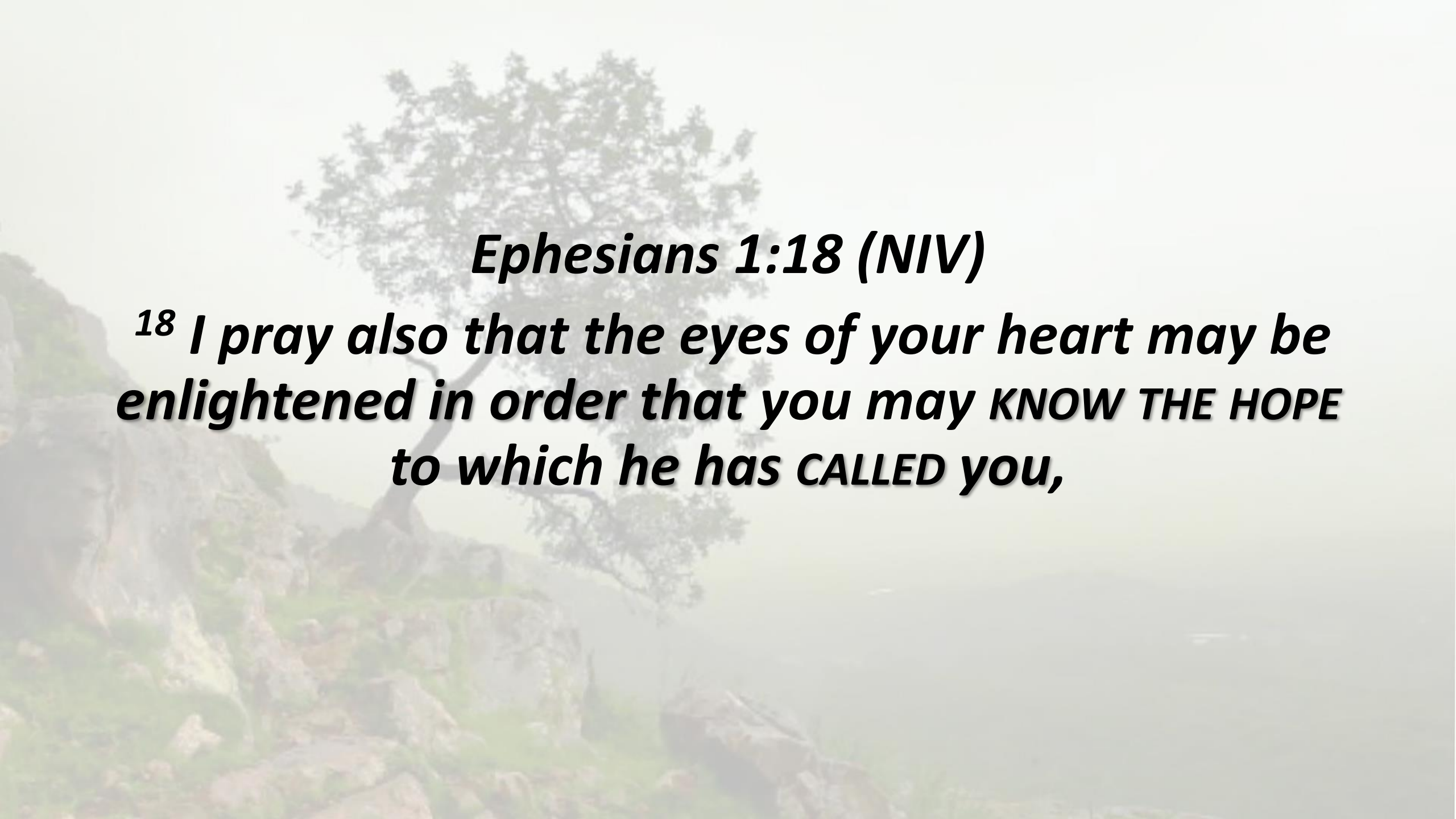
A lone, gnarled tree with green foliage stands on a rocky, grassy cliffside. The background shows a vast, hazy valley with distant mountains and a small town or village. The sky is overcast and grey.

JOURNEY:

There Is Hope!

Ephesians 1:15-17 (NIV)

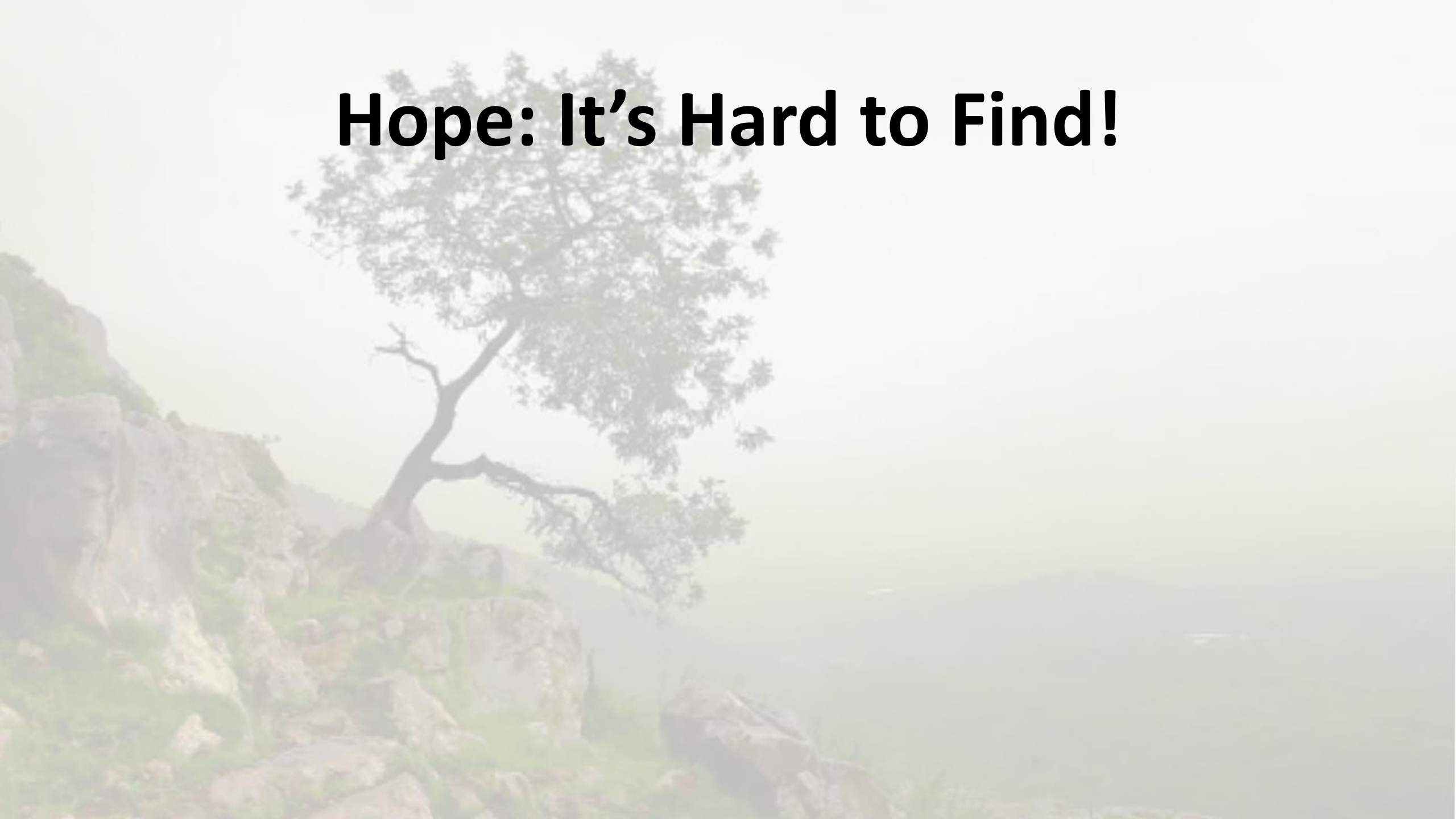
¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus AND your love for ALL the saints, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I KEEP ASKING that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, SO THAT you may KNOW Him BETTER.



Ephesians 1:18 (NIV)

18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may KNOW THE HOPE to which he has CALLED you,

Hope: It's Hard to Find!



There Is a Different Kind of Hope!

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1 Corinthians 2:9-10

*It is written: “**No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has PREPARED for those who love him**”—¹⁰ but God has revealed it to us **by his Spirit.**”*

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1 Thessalonians 1:3

*We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your **endurance INSPIRED BY HOPE** in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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- Knowing the hope to which He has called us is a work of the Spirit.
- Knowing the hope to which He has called us gives us the resilience to endure hardship and disappointment.
- Knowing the hope to which He has called us motivates us to trust our Father AND embrace the future *He has ordained* for us (Mark 8:34-37; 1 Peter 1:3-4).

There Is a Different Kind of Hope!

- **Knowing the hope to which He has called us is inspired by hearing the stories of hopefulness in the community. (Hebrews 11-12:3)**

Pursuing Hope

- **In your life, are you feeling hopeful or hopeless? Why?**
- **What is your hopefulness or hopelessness based on?**
- **What does this reveal about what your hope is based on?**
- **How does your Father want to reorient your heart and hope?**