

HOPE RESTORED

4 THINGS MAKE US FEEL HOPELESS

Our feelings of isolation
Our doubts about our abilities
Our fears about the future
Our regrets about our past

➤ JESUS HAS A METHOD FOR RESTORING MY HOPE

1. JESUS WILL _____ TO HELP ME.

One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.¹⁸ Some men came carrying a paralytic on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus.¹⁹ When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. **Luke 5:17-20** (NIV)

"Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."¹⁴ But how can people call on him if they have not believed in him? How can they believe in him if they have not heard his message? How can they hear if no one tells the Good News?¹⁵ How can people tell the Good News if no one sends them? As Scripture says, "How beautiful are the feet of the messengers who announce the Good News." **Romans 10:13-15** (GW)

God's saving _____, and restoring _____ involves _____.

From one person God made all nations who live on earth, and he decided when and where every nation would be.²⁷ God has done all this, so that we will look for him and reach out and find him. He isn't far from any of us.

Acts 17:26-27 (CEV)

2. HE WILL _____.

Some men brought to him a man who could not walk. He was lying on a mat. Jesus saw that they had faith. **Matthew 9:2a** (NirV)

"Why couldn't we drive out the demon?"²⁰ Jesus replied, "Because your faith is much too small. What I'm about to tell you is true. If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, it is enough. You can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there.' And it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." **Mark 17:19-20** (NirV)

3. JESUS WILL _____.

When Jesus saw their faith, he told the paralyzed man, "Be courageous, son!" **Matthew 9:2ab** (ISV)

Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about what happens to you
1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)

I asked the Lord for help, and He answered me. He freed me from all my anxious fears! **Psalms 34:4** (NCV)

4. JESUS WILL _____.

Then Jesus said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." **Luke 5:20** (NCV)

"Come now, let us argue this out," says the LORD. "No matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can remove it. I can make you as clean as freshly fallen snow. Even if you are stained as red as crimson, I can make you as white as wool." **Isaiah 1:18** (NLT)

There is no God like you. You forgive those who are guilty of sin...you enjoy being kind." **Micah 7:18** (NCV)

God says He will accept and acquit us – declare us 'not guilty' — if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins...no matter who we are or what we have been like. **Romans 3:22** (TLB)

5. JESUS WILL _____ TO DO THE _____.

Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, take your mat, and go on home, because you are healed!" The man jumped up, took the mat, and pushed his way through the stunned onlookers. Then they all praised God. 'We've never seen anything like this before!' they exclaimed." **Mark 2:10-12** (NLT)

Jesus said to him, "As far as possibilities go, everything is possible for the person who believes." **Mark 9:24** (GW)

Jesus said, 'Without God, it is utterly impossible. But with God everything is possible!'" **Mark 10:27** (LB)