

Edward Church

Held By Hope

Romans 15:13

MAY THE
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FILL YOU WITH ALL
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as you trust in Him, so that you may *overflow*
with hope by the power of the *Holy Spirit*.

ROMANS 15:13

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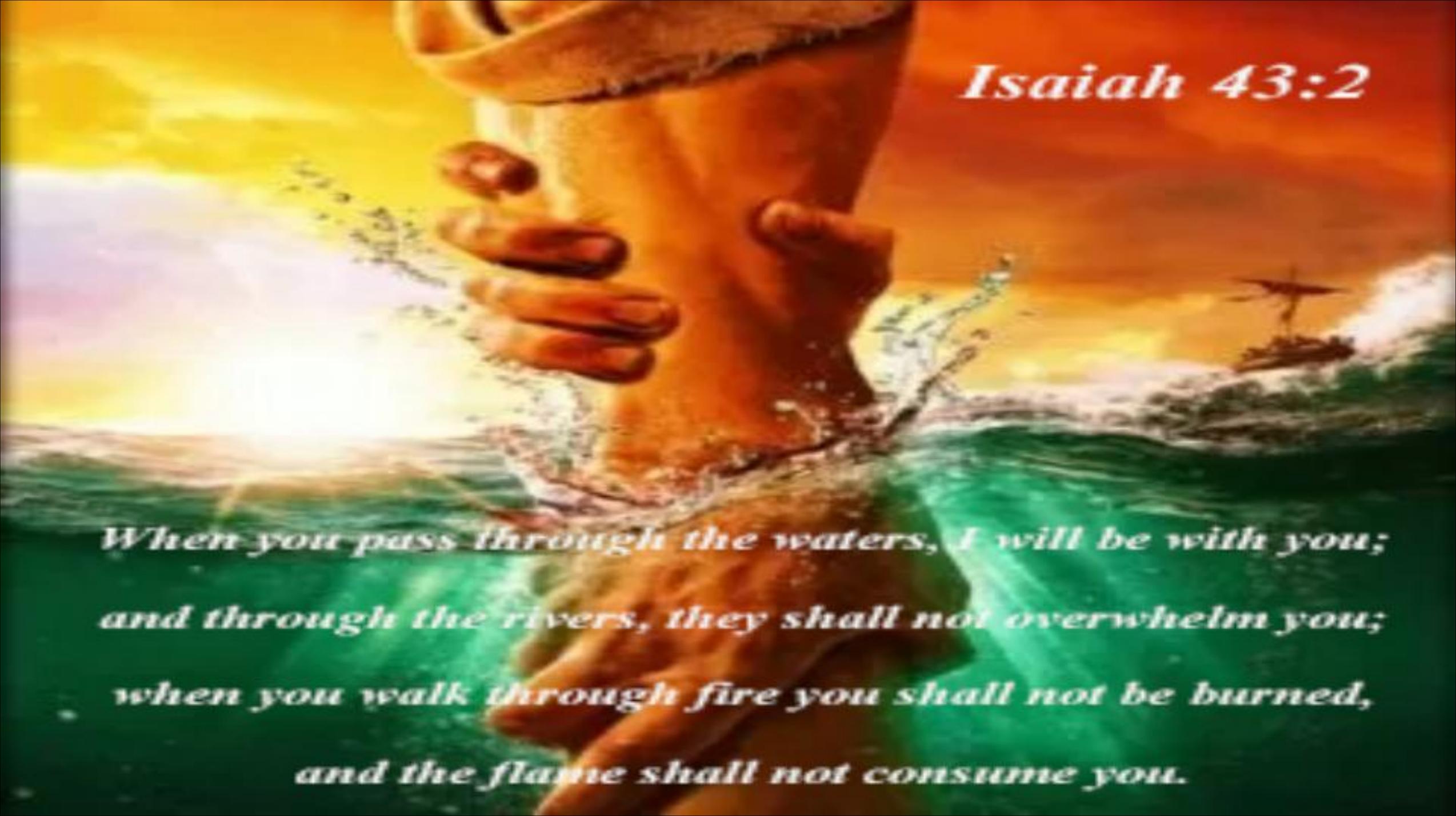
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- **Tonight, God doesn't want to give you a *little* hope.
He doesn't want to give you *temporary* hope.
He doesn't want to give you *Sunday- only* hope.**
 - **He wants to Fill You...
Overflow You...
Saturate You...
In HOPE**

The image is a composite. The background is a seascape at sunset or sunrise, with a warm orange and yellow sky and a dark green sea. A small wooden sailing ship is visible on the horizon. In the foreground, a close-up of a hand is shown holding a small, light-colored object, possibly a piece of wood or a small animal, with water splashing around it. The overall mood is serene and protective.

Isaiah 43:2

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.*

THE DEEP SEA DIVER

A deep- sea diver once said,

“I don’t die because the water is deep
I die if the oxygen line gets cut.”

Church, some of you aren’t drowning because life is
deep

you’re drowning because you’ve been cut off from your
source of hope.

- But tonight, God is reconnecting the line
- Tonight, God is restoring your oxygen
- Tonight, God is breathing hope back into you

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when you are oppressed, they shall not oppress you, and when you are persecuted, they shall not persecute you;

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Hold
On to God's
Promises
Everyday.

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POWER POINT:

- Hope is not found in circumstances changing — hope is found in Christ remaining.

**My God is the lighthouse
in the midst of my
terrible storm.**

A lighthouse with a red lantern room and a white tower stands on a rocky island. The sea is turbulent, with large, white-capped waves crashing against the shore. The sky is overcast and grey.

I am safe.

THE LIGHTHOUSE

A sailor once said

**“In the darkest storm, I don’t look at the
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CHALLENGE:

- What has your attention — the storm or the Savior?
What are you magnifying — the mountain or the
Maker?**

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POWER POINT:

Hope doesn't just lift your heart — it stabilizes your mind.



GOD USES BROKEN VESSELS

- Psalm 51:17

THE CRACKED CUP

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CHALLENGE:

Are you letting God fill you, or letting life drain you?

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A small green seedling with four leaves is growing out of a crack in the ground. The ground is dry and cracked, with a network of fissures extending across the foreground. The background shows a bright, hazy sky with soft, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall scene conveys a sense of resilience and hope in a harsh environment.

There is surely a
FUTURE HOPE
for you, and your
HOPE
will not be cut off.

Proverbs 23:18
THEWORDFORTHEDAY

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POWER POINT:

- **Hope grows where faith is planted.**

Don't Quit.

While there's life,



there's **hope.**

- Marcus T.

“THAT YOU MAY ABOUND IN HOPE” (HOPE OVERFLOWS)

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- God doesn’t give survival hope — He gives revival hope.**

H.O.P.E.

HOLD ON, PAIN ENDS

“BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT” (HOPE HAS POWER)

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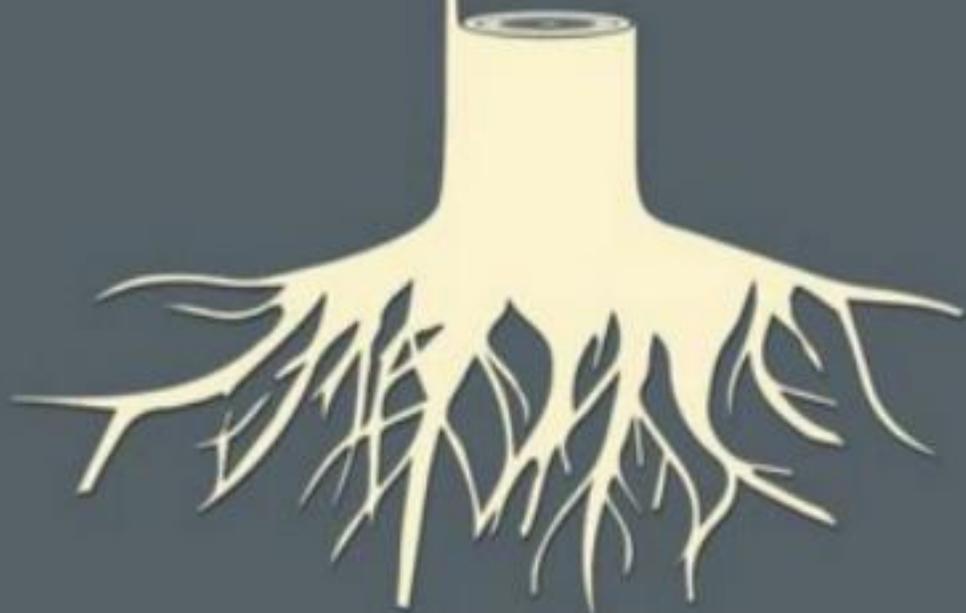
THERE SHALL COME FORTH

A SHOOT

AND A BRANCH FROM HIS ROOTS

FROM THE STUMP OF JESSE,
SHALL BEAR FRUIT.

ISAIAH 11:1



THE DEAD TREE THAT GREW AGAIN

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Are you trying to manufacture hope...
or are you letting the Holy Spirit fill you?

WE ARE IN THE FIGHT
OF OUR LIVES!
WE MUST RESIST,
OVERCOME, AND
DEFEAT
THE ENEMY!



EPHESIANS 6:10-12

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If you Need Hope...

Strength...

Peace...

Joy...

If You Need God to Breathe on You Again...

- **RUN to this Altar**
- **RUN to His Presence**
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Lift Your Hands

...Heart

...Expectation

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**DECLARATION of Hope (Say it with
authority)**

My hope is not in what I see

My hope is in who He is

My hope is not fragile

My hope is supernatural

My hope is overflowing

My hope is alive

My hope is rising Now!

H O P E

A person's silhouette is centered in a dark tunnel, standing in front of a large, glowing white letter 'O' that is part of the word 'HOPE' written on the wall. The other letters 'H', 'P', and 'E' are also large and glowing. The tunnel walls are textured and yellowish, and the floor is dark with some grates.

for the hurting