Let’s say you want to describe a feeling of getting or expecting something in the future. We call this hope. Hope is found throughout the Bible. In Hebrew, biblical hope is about expectation. The word God used is Yakhal or Qavah. It is always about God, a person, so it is different from optimism, which is about circumstances. It’s God’s past faithfulness that motivates hope for the future. It looks forward by looking backward in God’s character. The disciples used the word Elpis for hope, which was hope in a person, Jesus. Hope in the Bible is all about a choice to wait for God to bring a future. Christian hope looks back at the risen Jesus, so we hope and wait.

What stood out to you?

Has your view of hope changed?

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