

THE GIFTS GOD GIVES



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Sermon
Series

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THE GIFT OF HOPE



Lesson One



“HOPE IS BEING ABLE TO
SEE THAT THERE IS LIGHT
DESPITE ALL THE
DARKNESS.”

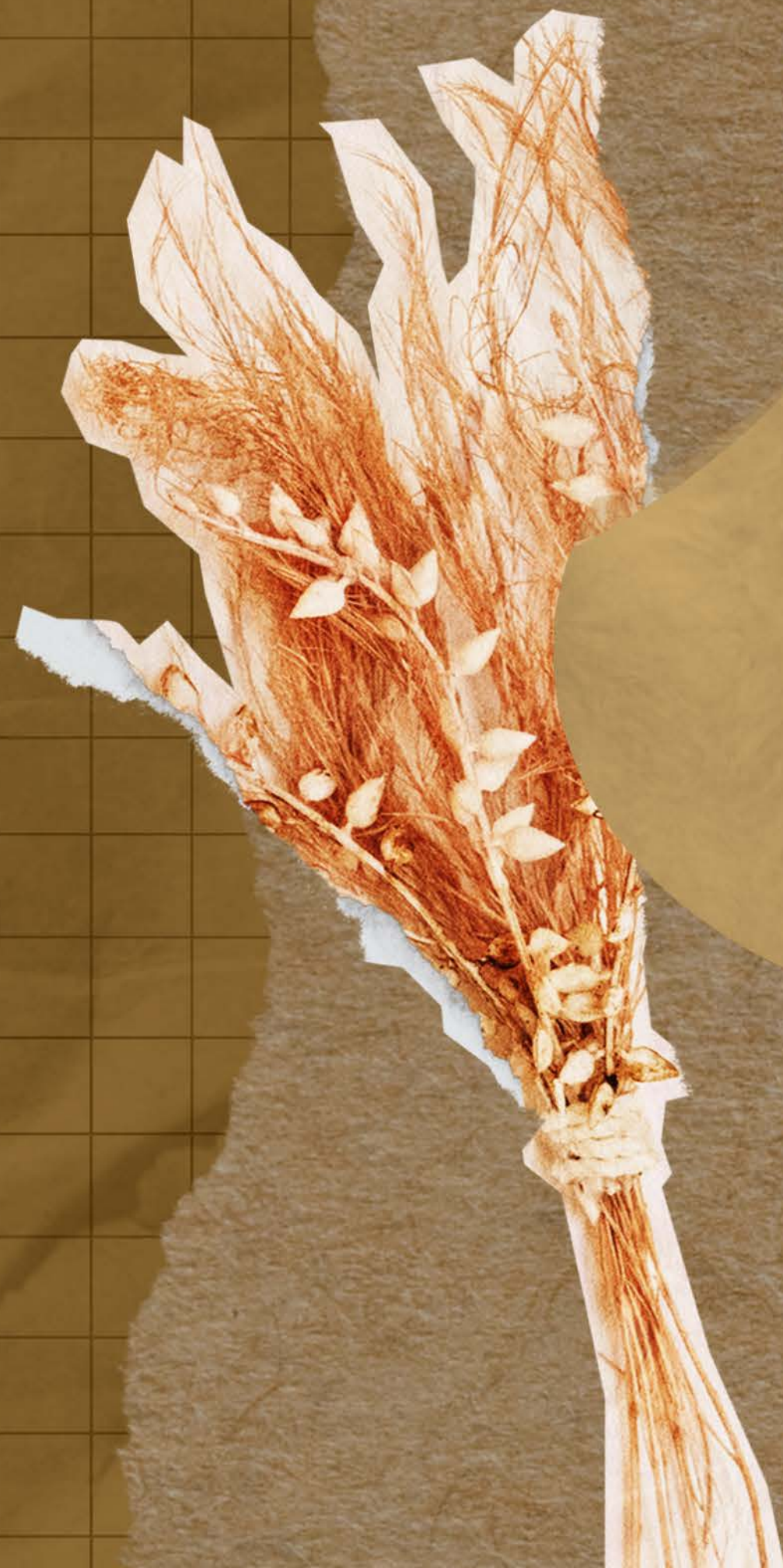




SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 15:13, Now may the God of HOPE fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit.

HOPE IS "A FEELING
OF EXPECTATION AND
DESIRE FOR A
PARTICULAR THING TO
HAPPEN."



HOPE

OPTIMISM



Is the belief that somehow things will get better, and everything will turn out all right in the end.

HOPE IS GROUNDED
IN THE REALITY OF
GOD'S PROMISES.



Romans
15:4

TWO KEYS
TO HOPE

For everything that
was written in the past
was written to TEACH
us, so that through
endurance and the
encouragement of the
SCRIPTURES we might
have HOPE.



Romans 15:4

THE FIRST KEY TO HOPE IS
ENDURANCE IN FAITH.



THE SECOND KEY TO HOPE
IS THE ENCOURAGEMENT
OF THE SCRIPTURES.





May the God of HOPE
fill you with all joy and
peace as you trust in
Him, so that you may
overflow with HOPE.



TWO SORROWFUL CONDITIONS REGARDING HOPE:



1. To Have No Hope.
2. Misplaced Hope.

WHAT IS
DEFERRED
HOPE?



DEFERRED HOPE



Is to have a dream that seems to drag on and on, a delay that can be depressing, drawn-out, extended, prolonged, scattered, stretched out, shriveled up fruit.

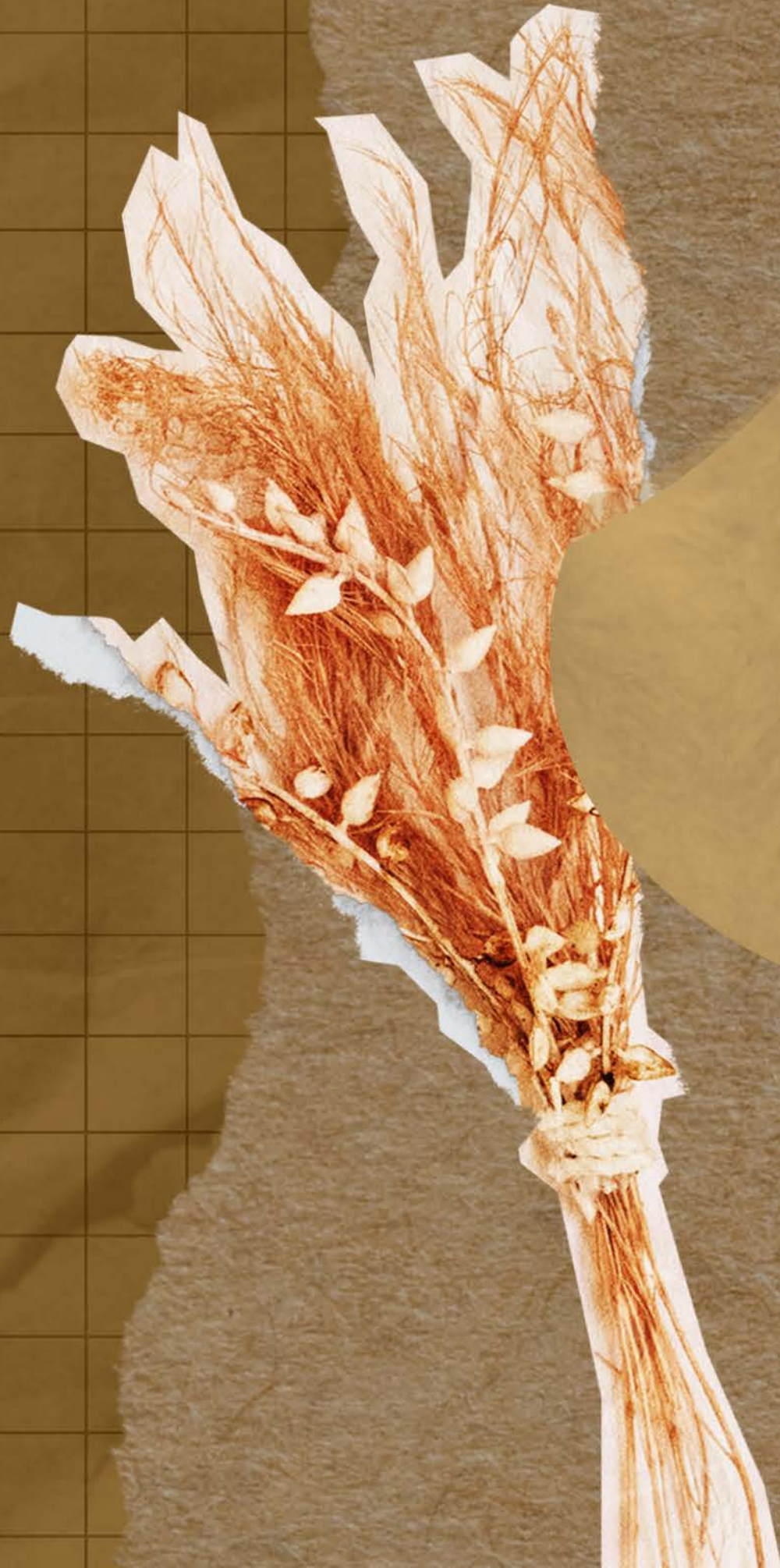
PROVERBS 13:12A
HOPE DEFERRED MAKES
THE HEART SICK...



Proverbs
13b

WHEN THE DESIRE
COMES, IT IS A TREE
OF LIFE.

Numbers 23:19, "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good and fulfill it?"



Numbers
23:19



LET GOD BE TRUE,
AND EVERY HUMAN
BEING A LIAR.



Romans
3:4



THREE HOPE-FILLED PROMISES OF GOD:



1. The Hope of God's Provision.
2. The Hope of God's Presence.
3. The Hope of God's Protection.

HOPE ANCHORS
YOUR LIFE.



My HOPE is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.



His oath, His covenant, His blood,
support me in the overwhelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my HOPE and stay.





ON CHRIST THE SOLID
ROCK I STAND; ALL OTHER
GROUND IS SINKING SAND.

CHRIST IS OUR ONLY HOPE!

