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Mark 4:35-41

HOPE STATEMENT:

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Psalm 33:4

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Hebrews 13:8

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Mark 5:36

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V. 36

a. Show up for one another.

And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

2 Corinthians 1:7-9

b. Don’t stop reaching out.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

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V. 40

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They were overwhelmed and completely amazed.

Mark 5:42

a. There’s more on the other side.

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes.

Mark 5:1

WORRY / FEAR  PEACE

EXHAUSTION / STRESS  PRESENCE

DISAPPOINTMENT  PRAISE

b. Go Forward!

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Exodus 14:15

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