Title: Deliver Real Hope

Text: "Rejoice in **HOPE** (TIKVAH), be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." (Romans 12:12) "For you, O Lord, are my **HOPE** (TIKVAH), my trust, O Lord, from my youth." (Psalm 71:5) **Target:** Hope is Rope (TIKVAH) that holds you when you can't hang on. (Joshua 2:17-18)

- I. **Hope is a <u>Person</u>**: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore, I will **hope** in him." (Lamentations 3:24)
 - A. Living Hope: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1 Peter 1:3)
 - B. Confident Hope: "We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain." (Hebrews 6:19)
- II. Hope is a Promise: "And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (Romans 5:5)
 - A. Future Hope: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)
 - B. **Present Hope:** "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)
- III. **Hope is a <u>Perspective</u>:** "Now faith is the assurance of things **hoped** for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)
 - A. Reminding Hope: "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God." (Psalm 43:5)
 - B. Abounding Hope: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)
- IV. Hope is to be **Proclaimed:** "Since we have such a **hope**, we are very bold." (2 Corinthians 3:12)
 - A. Radiate Hope: "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15)
 - B. **Deliver Hope:** "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;" (Isaiah 61:1)

Takeaway: Keep hold of the rope of hope, extend it to someone else.