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Hope Against Hope
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Introduction: The Lesson of Admiral Stockdale, the alternative to human hope is hope based on the faith that God is faithful.

Key Thought: God's family is made of all who have faith in a faithful God.

Key Question: How do we know there is a place for us in the family of faith.

- I. The Hoped for End (v18)
(v18)
- II. The Brutal Facts (v19)
(v19)
- III. The Faith that Sustains Hope
 - a. Not the faith of a perfect man
 - i. He did not waver (v20a)
(v20a)
 - ii. He did have to grow (v20b)
(v20b)
 - b. But "mere" faith in a faithful God (v21)
(v21)
- IV. The Grace that provides Hope
 - a. Grace that counted faith for righteousness (v22)
(v22)
 - b. Grace that counts faith for righteousness (v23-24)
(v23-24)

Conclusion: There's a place for you in God's Family