

THE AIM OF THE SESSION

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- ▶ It is to EQUIP and INSPIRE
- ▶ To sharpen and shape
- ▶ Not to destroy or make to feel guilty
- ▶ Free from captivity and bondage

Hope in action in the healthcare field

- ▶ Acts 24:15 &16
- ▶ ¹⁵ I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection ^[a]of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. ¹⁶ This being so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men
- ▶ What does the hope do?
- ▶ Where are we in this?
- ▶ Are we able to put this into practice everywhere?

Hope in Christ

- ▶ Hope- The definition

The belief or expectation that something wished for can or will happen.
to cherish a desire with anticipation : to want something to happen or be true

- ▶ Faith in Christ - His existence/Deity/Provision/Plan

- ▶ Faith and hope- the connection

Faith is the substance and hope is the manifestation

Hope In Christ

- ▶ Hope in Christ
 - His resurrection
 - His promise
 - His plan

- ▶ Alternative Hopes

Our Personal Faith

Statement

What is our personal faith statement?

How will we answer if we are placed on a platform to define our faith?

MANIFESTATION OF FAITH



Living the hope in Christ

- ▶ Paul was living the hope in Christ expecting the resurrection of the dead both just and unjust
- ▶ For him the judgement was not punishment of the wicked but execution of justice
- ▶ The execution of justice was not punishment alone but recognition and rewarding of the just
- ▶ He was striving to have a conscience to be void of offence towards God and toward men

The alternatives

- ▶ Hopelessness
- ▶ Hope in alternatives to Christ
- ▶ Selective hope in Christ

Challenges in the health fields

- ▶ We face death more often
- ▶ We face sickness and frailty
- ▶ We encounter human misery

Common for everyone in the workforce

- ▶ Injustice
- ▶ Inconsideration
- ▶ Abuse of power
- ▶ Unbiblical strategies and policies
- ▶ Unbiblical lifestyles

COPING STRATEGIES

- ▶ Debriefing
- ▶ Taking a break
- ▶ Leaving the field
- ▶ Toughening up
- ▶ Maladaptive techniques

Is there a Christian strategy

- ▶ It is filled with hope
- ▶ Hope of a living God
- ▶ Hope of a living saviour
- ▶ Hope of resurrection and judgement - The rewarding of the righteous and punishment of the unrighteous
- ▶ Hope of an eternity

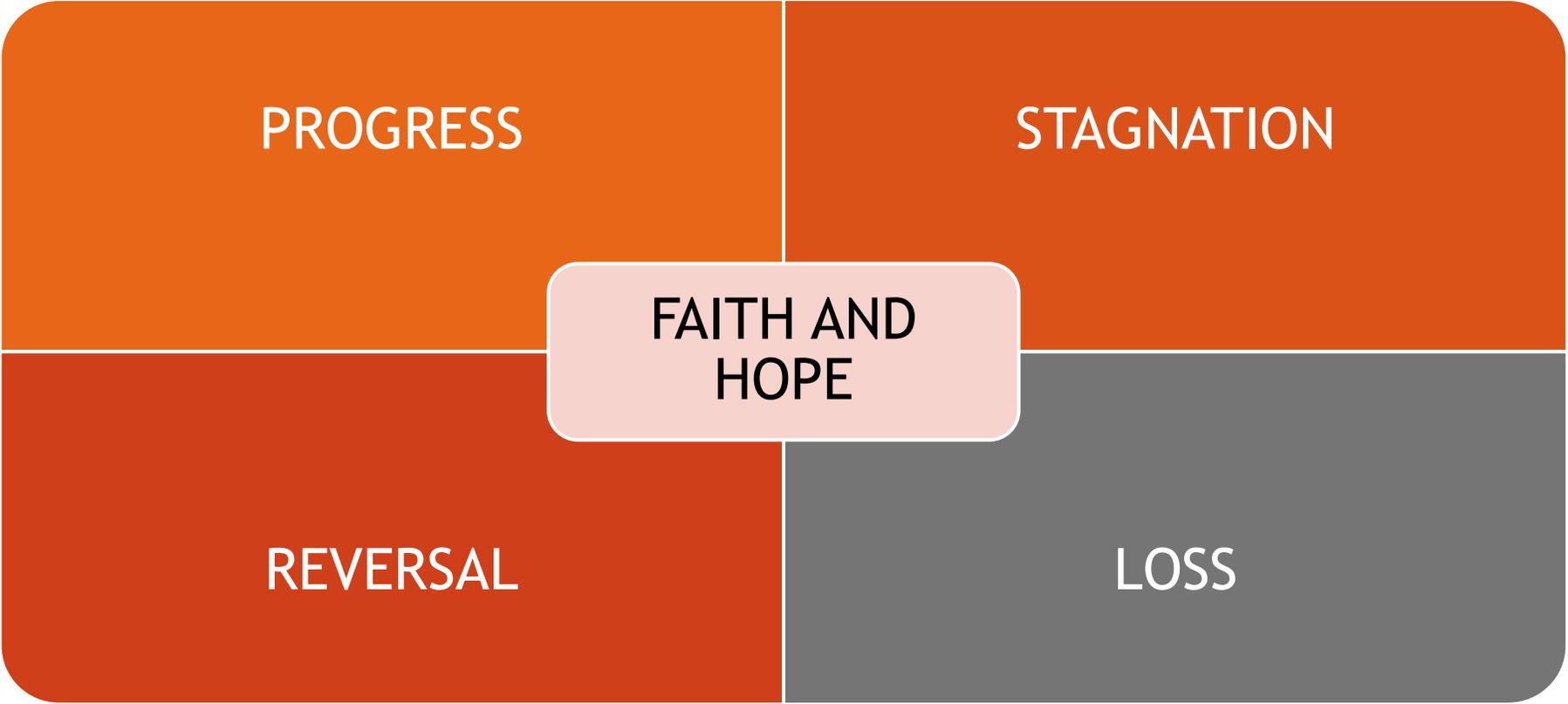
Application of hope

- ▶ 16 And herein do I **exercise myself**, to have always a conscience void to offence toward God, and toward men.
- ▶ **Strive** to have a conscience without offense toward God and men

How to strive/ Exercise to have a clear conscience

- ▶ Quality time with God
- ▶ Quiet reflection
- ▶ Accepting and allowing grace
- ▶ Strong in the word
- ▶ Anointing of the Holy Spirit

STAGES OF FAITH AND HOPE



OUTCOME of HOPE

- ▶ Confidence
- ▶ Clear conscience
- ▶ Accountable to God