

This Morning's Message



Restore Us, O God

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19



RESTORATION



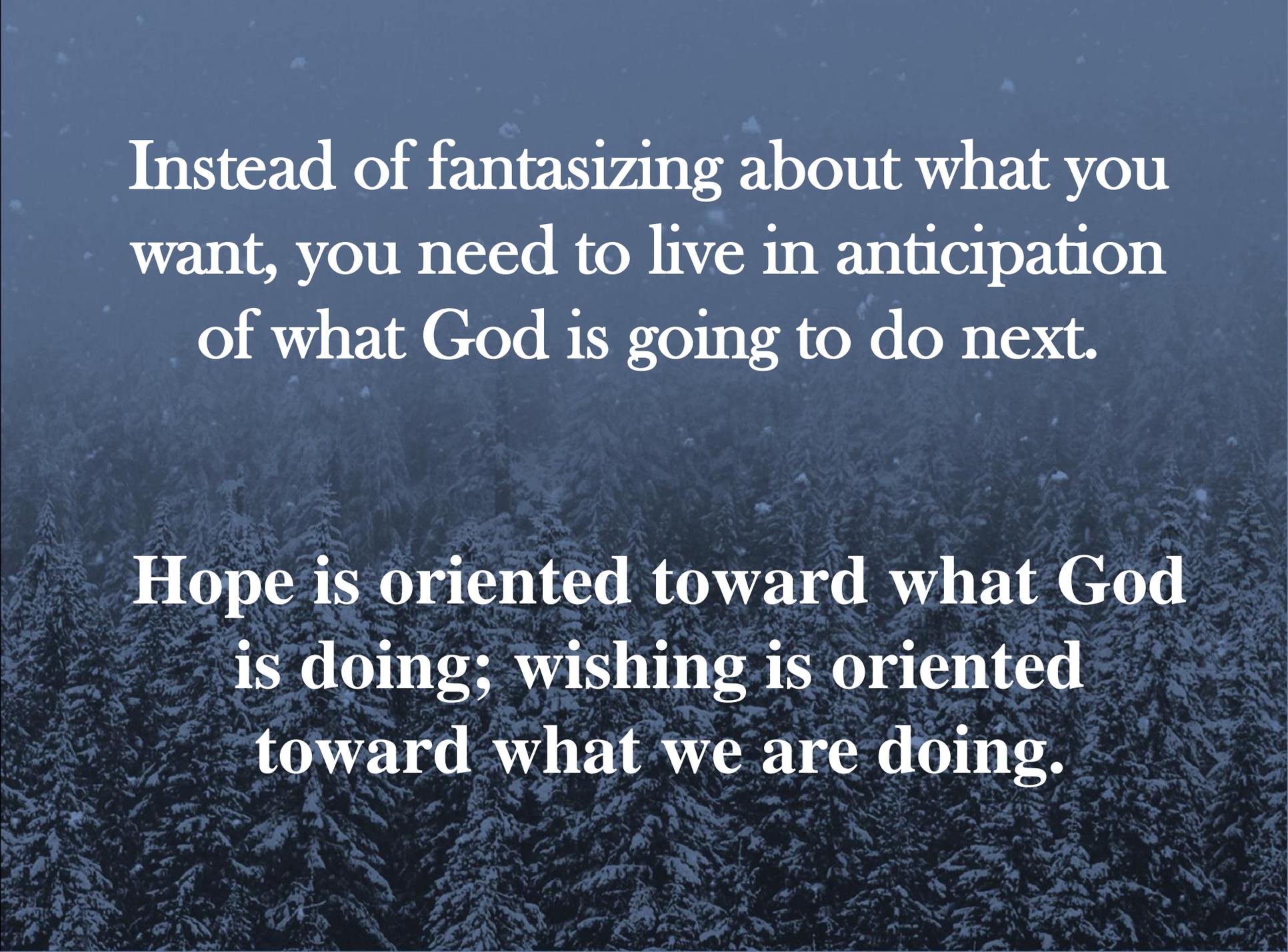
The Restoration of...

- Life
- Hope
- Faith

Wishing and Hoping are not the same

“Wishing extends our egos into the future, but hope grows out of our faith. Hope is oriented toward what God is doing, while wishing is oriented toward what we are doing.”

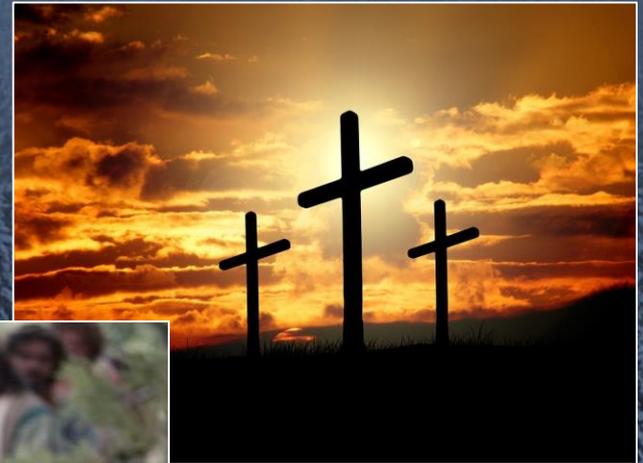
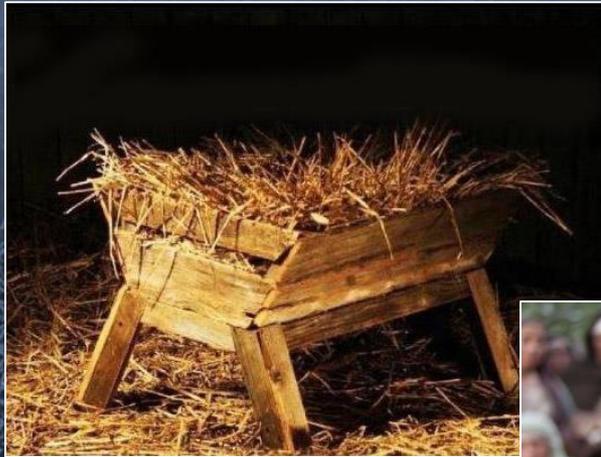
- Eugene Peterson (Living the Message)



Instead of fantasizing about what you want, you need to live in anticipation of what God is going to do next.

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Jesus the Messiah did not come as people expected, but he came in a way that meant much more than they had wished for.

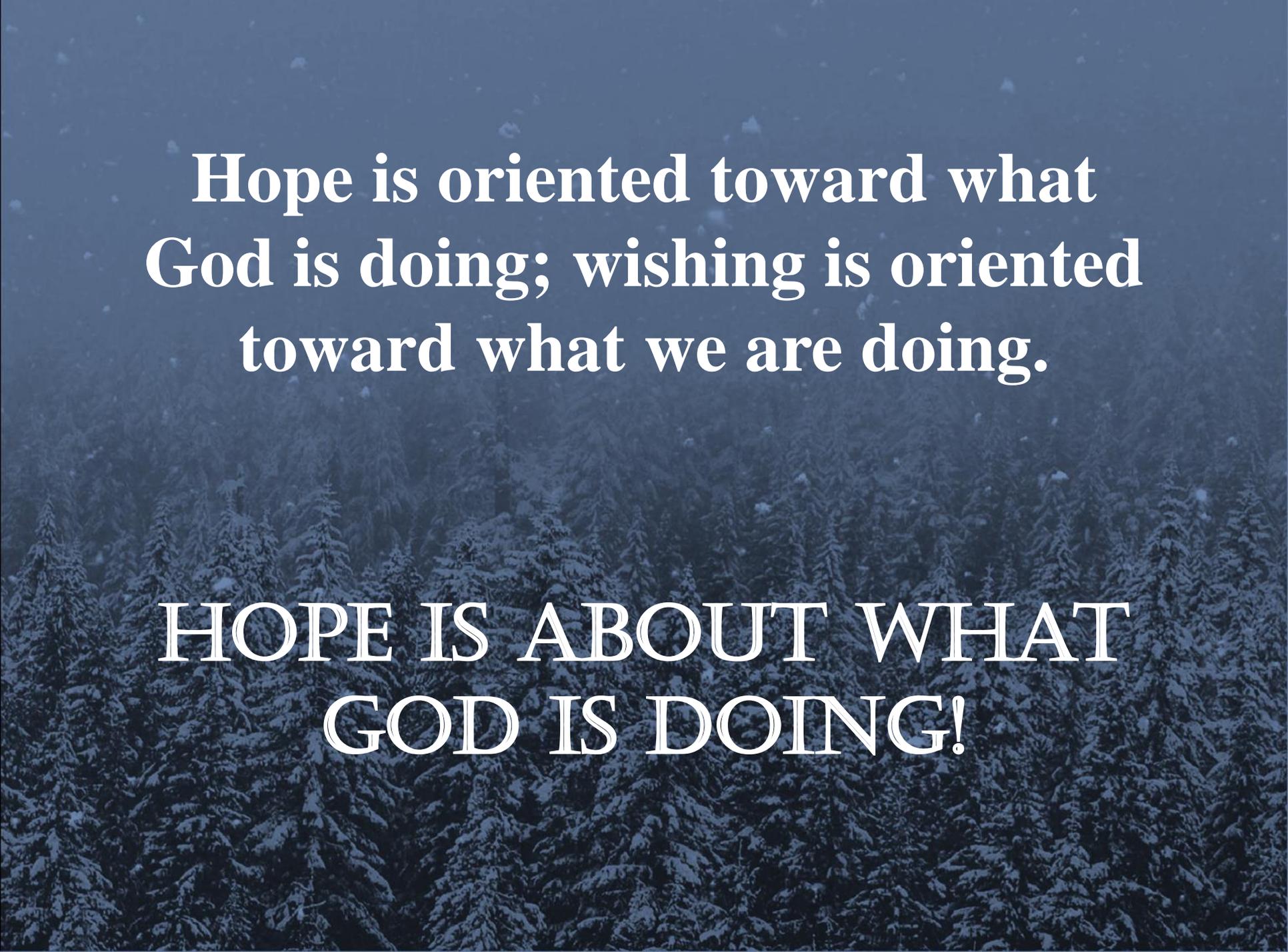


**RESTORE US,
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This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:18-21



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