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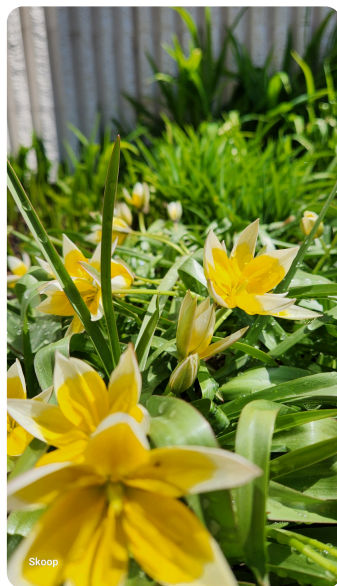
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## OUR LIVING HOPE – PASTOR SHERRYL

This 'spring' we have seen the weather bounce all over the place, from cold with snow, to cold with rain, to very warm, to very warm and windy and almost everything in between. Amid this chaotic weather, even if it gives us lots of fodder for conversation, it can also cause us to feel somewhat hopeless that warm, summer weather may arrive.

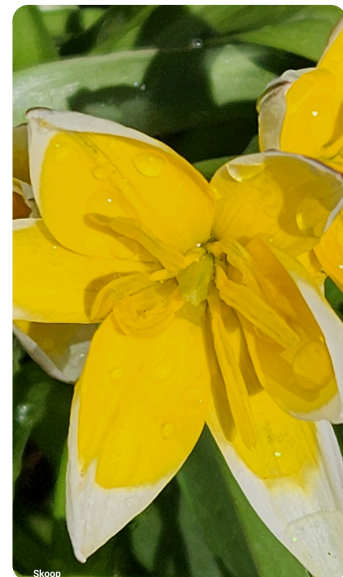
This sense of hopelessness tends to come into our lives at other times, not just when spring or summer seem elusive. There are a myriad of things that can affect our sense of hope.

What do we do when this is how we are feeling? First acknowledge that this is our feeling, but know that there is a strong possibility the feeling of hopelessness will pass.



However, is there anywhere we can turn to when this may be the feeling that lingers? I believe so: taking time to listen to music (like the song 'Living Hope' by Phil Wickham or 'My Hope is Built on Nothing Less' by Edward Mote); taking time to pray that God by His Holy Spirit would remind us of the hope we have in

Jesus Christ; or taking time to read some of the Psalms that David wrote (Psalm 27:1, 4-9, 13-14; Psalm 34:1-19).



These suggestions will not instantly renew our hope, but they can be ways to engage that eventually can, not only renew our hope, but remind us that we, who love Jesus Christ and follow Him do have a true, living hope as stated in 1 Peter 1:3-4 in the New Living Translation,

*...All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by His great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.*

May we recognize our feelings are not the full picture when it comes to the hope we have, just like when spring seems elusive, it does not wipe out the beauty found today in the church's garden. New life and hope do come!



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