

*“Look at my Servant, whom I have chosen. He is my Beloved, who pleases me. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not fight or shout or raise his voice in public. He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. Finally he will cause justice to be victorious. And his name will be the hope of all the world.” Matthew 12:18-21 (NLT)*

## Look

“Look,” that sounds like such a casual word. It sounds not too dissimilar from a glance. I know without a doubt that this is not the intent or meaning of this word in this context. **What do you think it means?** I think it means to look intently. I think it means to look with intensity. I think it means to look with all that is within me. I think it means to look in such a way that my heart and mind and life will be transformed. Looking at you, cannot leave me unchanged. **You couldn't be more correct.**

**How has looking intently at me changed you? How have you been transformed by looking at me with all that is within you?**

I have come to know and love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. It has become my passionate desire to do what is good and right and pleasing to you. It is my joy to follow and serve you. **Say more.** Looking intently at you has filled my life with hope and peace and joy. I have been able to place my full and complete trust in you as I have remained in your presence, keeping my focus on you. **That is very good.**

**Say more.** Even in the midst of a significant crisis, which we are all now in, I have been able to live in the fullness of hope that you have given to me. **Is this a hope that you wish to hold on to and keep to yourself?** No, not at all. Now, more than ever it is my desire and plan to proclaim to all, the hope that is available in you. You are not only my hope. You are the hope of all the world. So, it is my prayer that you will powerfully use me and all your followers to boldly proclaim you to the world. There is hope in no one or nothing else. Your kindness and mercy and love is available to all. All who hear your call have an open invitation to come to you. So, powerfully use me to proclaim the hope and salvation available to all through you. **That is a prayer that I will certainly hear and answer. Proclaim me to the world.** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, thank for being my hope. I will place all my faith, hope and trust in you. Thank you for also being the hope of the whole world. Help me to be a bold witness for you in the world. Guide my prayers today, as I pray through these times of significant crisis. Amen*

**Becoming Like Christ** *The Nations Will Put Their Hope*

"Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory. In his name the nations will put their hope."

NIV Matthew 12:18-21

**Becoming Like Christ** *The Hope Of All The World*

"Look at my Servant, whom I have chosen. He is my Beloved, who pleases me. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not fight or shout or raise his voice in public. He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. Finally he will cause justice to be victorious. And his name will be the hope of all the world."

NLT Matthew 12:18-21

**Becoming Like Christ** *Gentiles Will Hope*

"Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick until he brings justice to victory. And in his name the Gentiles will hope."

NRSV Matthew 12:18-21

**Becoming Like Christ** *Gentiles Set Their Hopes*

Behold, My Servant Whom I have chosen, My Beloved in *and* with Whom My soul is well pleased *and* has found its delight. I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He shall proclaim *and* show forth justice to the nations. He will not strive *or* wrangle *or* cry out loudly; nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets; A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering (dimly burning) wick He will not quench, till He brings justice *and* a just cause to victory. *And in and* on His name will the Gentiles (the peoples outside of Israel) set their hopes.

AMP Matthew 12:18-21

**Becoming Like Christ** *Gentiles Will Hope*

"BEHOLD, MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN; MY BELOVED IN WHOM MY SOUL IS WELL-PLEASSED; I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM, AND HE SHALL PROCLAIM JUSTICE TO THE GENTILES. "HE WILL NOT QUARREL, NOR CRY OUT; NOR WILL ANYONE HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE STREETS. "A BATTERED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK OFF, AND A SMOLDERING WICK HE WILL NOT PUT OUT, UNTIL HE LEADS JUSTICE TO VICTORY. "AND IN HIS NAME THE GENTILES WILL HOPE."

NASB Matthew 12:18-21

**Becoming Like Christ** *The Gentiles Will Hope*

"Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; and in his name the Gentiles will hope."

ESV Matthew 12:18-21

**Becoming Like Christ** *Gentiles Will Trust*

"Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles. He will not quarrel nor cry out, Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench, Till He sends forth justice to victory; And in His name Gentiles will trust."

NKJV Matthew 12:18-21

**Becoming Like Christ** *Hope, Even Among Far-Off*

Look well at my handpicked servant; I love him so much, take such delight in him. I've placed my Spirit on him; he'll decree justice to the nations. But he won't yell, won't raise his voice; there'll be no commotion in the streets. He won't walk over anyone's feelings, won't push you into a corner. Before you know it, his justice will triumph; the mere sound of his name will signal hope, even among far-off unbelievers.

MSG Matthew 12:18-21

**Becoming Like Christ** *Hope Of All The World*

"Look at my Servant. See my Chosen One. He is my Beloved, in whom my soul delights. I will put my Spirit upon him, And he will judge the nations. He does not fight nor shout; He does not raise his voice! He does not crush the weak, Or quench the smallest hope; He will end all conflict with his final victory, And his name shall be the hope Of all the world."

TLB Matthew 12:18-21

**Becoming Like Christ** *Non-Jewish People Will Find Hope*

"Here is my servant whom I have chosen. I love him, and I am pleased with him. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will tell of my justice to all people. He will not argue or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. He will not break a crushed blade of grass or put out even a weak flame until he makes justice win the victory. In him will the non-Jewish people find hope."

NCV Matthew 12:18-21

# The Hope Of All The World

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – Matthew 12:18-21

**In Context:** *Read Matthew 12*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

"Look at my Servant, whom I have chosen. He is my Beloved, who pleases me. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not fight or shout or raise his voice in public. He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. Finally he will cause justice to be victorious. And his name will be the hope of all the world." Matthew 12:18-21 (NLT2)

**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

"Look at my Servant, | whom I have chosen. | He is my Beloved, | who pleases me. | I will put my Spirit | upon him, | and he will | proclaim justice | to the nations. | He will not fight | or shout | or raise his voice | in public. | He will not | crush the weakest reed | or | put out a flickering candle. | Finally | he will cause justice | to be victorious. | And his name | will be | the hope | of all the world." Matthew 12:18-21 (NLT2)

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, thank for being my hope. I will place all my faith, hope and trust in you. Thank you for also being the hope of the whole world. Help me to be a bold witness for you in the world. Guide my prayers today, as I pray through these times of significant crisis. Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**Why is now the best time to make known that Jesus Christ is the hope of all the world?**

How are you, especially now, making known to others the hope they can have in Jesus Christ?

**When have times of crisis caused you to even more consciously place all your hope in Jesus Christ?**

How is the hope that you have in Jesus Christ guiding all your thoughts and words and actions today?

How has your hope in Jesus Christ emboldened you even in the face of significant crisis?

How have you been helping others as you have walked through significant crisis together?

**How is the hope you have in Jesus Christ guiding all the prayers you pray to Him?**

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow the Lord to boldly use you as His witness in the face of significant crisis.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that Jesus Christ is not only your hope but also the hope of all the world.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are placing all your hope in Jesus Christ.

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**Close With Prayer:**

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you be a bold witness for Christ because He is the hope of the whole world.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will be a bold witness for you, because I know you are the hope of the whole world.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I be a bold witness for you in the world today?*

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