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When you don't believe it yourself.



In Colossians 1:23, Paul says the gospel should be proclaimed “in all creation under heaven.” But he’s clear that the hope we proclaim is the hope we first believe: “not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you have heard.”

Before you plant gospel seeds elsewhere, you let the gospel take root in you. Before you call on others to believe, ask yourself, do I believe? Before you offer the grounding of hope to others, realize that this is where your hope is anchored too.

Remind yourself today that the gospel is good news for you. Tell yourself what Christ has done for you. Soak in—glory in, collapse into—the goodness of the truth that Christ has reconciled, redeemed, adopted, loved you *right now!*

Believe in the hope stored up in heaven for you. Remember that can't be shaken.

When your hope is firmly in the gospel of Christ, *then* offer that hope to others who need the same hope you do.

Response:

To respond today, share the gospel first with yourself. Talk to yourself like a person who needs the hope of heaven. Tell yourself what you believe about your sins, Christ's sacrifice, and your certain future. Ask yourself, “Is this my future? Do I believe this?” And live in the good of that hope.

Prayer:

Father God, thank you that you don't call me to offer to others anything more than what you've already given to me. Remind me of my hope today. Grant me the grace to believe—stable and steadfast—that you love me and you'll never leave me or forsake me. Position me, firm in that hope, to share the good news with others. In Jesus' name, amen.