

**Sermon Outline: I'm going to be hopeful**  
**Series: A Better Outlook**

*If you search for good, you will find favor; but if you search for evil, it will find you!* Proverbs 11:27 (NLT)

- **We're not hopeful because of our feelings**
- **We're hopeful because of our God**

**8 Reasons Why We Can Be Hopeful**

- **My sins are forgiven and my eternity is secure**

*"So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death."* Romans 8:1-2 (NLT)

- **Jesus is at the right hand of God pleading for me**

*Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.* Romans 8:34 (NLT)

- **My future victory is greater than my present pain**

*'Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.'* Romans 8:18-21 (NLT)

- **The peace of God can rule my mind**

*Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.* Romans 8:5-6 (NLT)

- **If God is for me, who can ever be against me?**

*'What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?'* Romans 8:31 (NLT)

*'Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.'* Romans 8:33 (NIV)

- **God's spirit helps me in my weakness**

*We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.) And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.* Romans 8:24-27 (NLT)

- **God is working everything in my life for good**

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* Romans 8:28 (NIV)

- **Nothing can separate me from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus**

*And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)