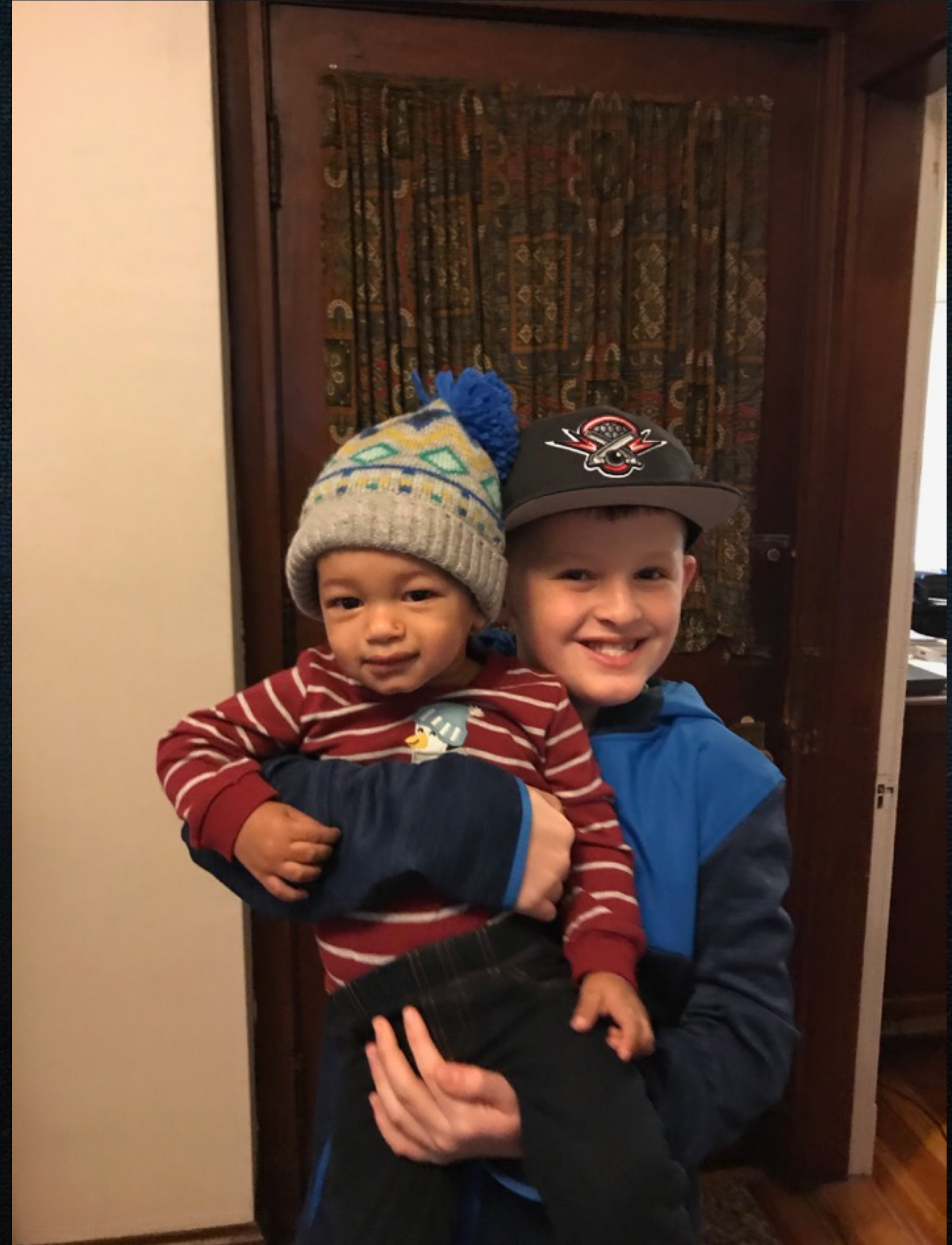


Hope
through our eyes







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“Hope” in Scripture means
“a strong and confident expectation.”

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.” But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:35-36



When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had
compassion on them and healed their sick.

Matthew 14:14

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

John 1:40-42

אל ראי • El Roi
“the God who sees me”

Until Jesus came through the town. The moment when the eyes of the two men met is worthy of an operatic aria. Inquisitiveness had got the better of the little rich man, an unspoken question emerging from behind his hard, crafty look. Jesus saw straight through the layers of graft and greed, of callous contempt for his fellow-citizens. He had met enough tax-collectors already to know exactly what life was like for them, and how, even though they couldn't resist the chance to make more for themselves than they should, there was a sickness at the heart for which he had the remedy.

N. T. Wright, Luke for Everyone

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:21-24

Hope changes everything,
because Hope is a person.



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Wörld's Eyès

Jesus was eatin' with tax gatherers and sinners
A blind beggar shoutin' above the crowd
A group of children, annoyin' the Master
A crooked tax gatherer named Zacchaeus
The crowds pressin' in on Him from all sides
Five loaves and two fish to feed so many
Adulterer and deservin' of condemnation
A robber crucified as a common thief

Jësüs' Eyès

People in need of the great physician
A man reachin' out in faith and in need of mercy
Their innocent trust and a kingdom that belonged to such
Man ready to be broken with an act of repentance
Sensed the touch of His garment by a tremblin' woman
A great multitude hun'ry and in need of compassion
A daughter in need of forgiveness
A lost soul worth dyin' for

What or who do people see
when they look in our eyes?







The “who” of hope is Jesus,
but the “how” of hope is us!

Proximity Spaces

Places or events where Christians and not-yet-Christians can interact meaningfully with each other. Around the world Christians are developing cafés, art galleries, design studios, football teams, etc. to facilitate such proximity and interaction. If the church service is the only space where we can meaningfully interact with unbelievers, we're in trouble.

Michael Frost, The Shaping of Things to Come

Hope is not a star we wish upon,
but a muscle we flex.



Look back and notice the brush strokes
of hope in our own story.

Take a good look at God's wonders- they'll take your breath away. He converted sea to dry land; travelers crossed the river on foot. Now isn't that cause for a song?

Psalm 66:5-6 (MSG)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5

Look up and see the faces of people who
need to know the Hope we have found.

To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

Colossians 1:27-29



Look ahead and imagine the Kingdom
adventures that await as we intentionally live
as agents of hope.

My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music. Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn. I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

Psalms 57:7-11

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13