



HOW IS YOUR HOPE-ER?

KEY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 130:5

How is your hope-er? You know, that part of you that hopes?

I remember a time in my life when I commented to more than one person that I felt like my hope-er was broken. It felt like I had forgotten how to hope, how to wait with expectation. I had the waiting part down, flawlessly, because it felt like that was all I was doing. But the hope part—the expectation part—seemed to have disappeared.

Thankfully, I also remember how my hope-er began to heal.

I realized I was allowing everything in my life to be bigger than God. And I was allowing the "im" words to have center stage. Well, the wrong "im" words. Impossible. Impassable. Impractical. Immovable. Impaired. Imperfect. Imposing. I had spent my time describing my situation with these very words, and it wasn't long before my hope-er suffered the consequences.

But when I started describing my God, the right "im" words became a beautifully larger part of my day. Imperishable. Impeccable. Immeasurable. Imaginative. Immutable. And before long, hope began to show its lovely face again.

So, how is your hope-er? Do you find yourself most often describing your situation or your God? Which "im" words can you think about today that will show hope's lovely face to you again?

Until next time, friend.

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