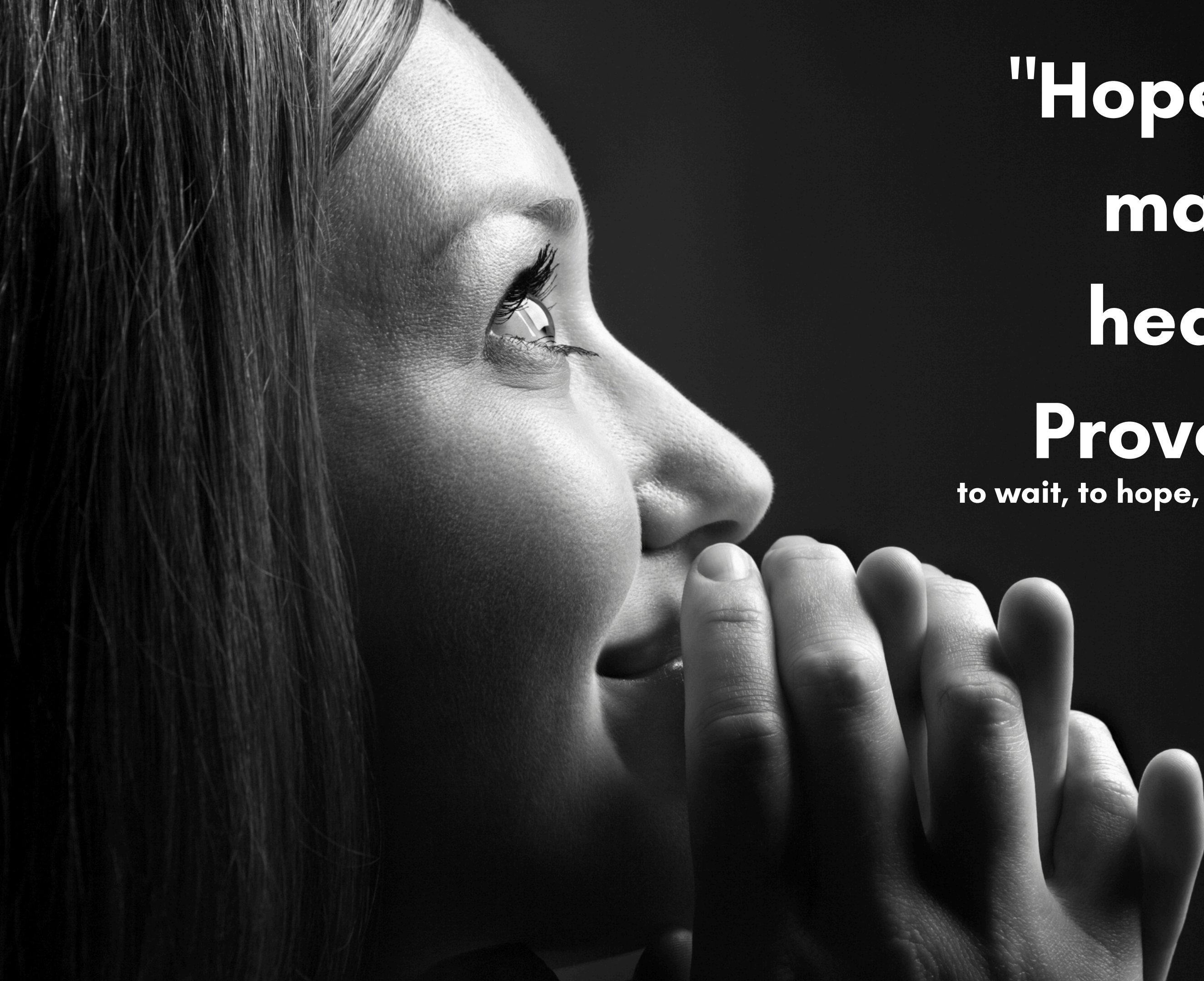


**I could**

**get**

**used to this**



**"Hope deferred  
makes the  
heart sick,"**

**Proverbs 13:12**

to wait, to hope, to trust, to tarry = (yāḥal) 7ַן

I press toward  
the mark for the  
prize of the high  
calling of God  
in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14

"Press" is the Greek: διώκω (diōkō) = determination through persecution "Prize" βραβεῖον (brabeion) = officially awarded after evaluation

# Psalm 51:12

Restore to me the joy of my salvation

*Does it still feel fresh?*

*Maybe because you are still becoming.*

# 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore  
if  
any man be

**in Christ**



He is a new creature, old things are passed away;  
behold, all things are **become new**

# 1 Peter 1:13 ESV


“Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

We have until Jesus' return = apokalypsis, meaning unveiling or revealing



**It's hard not to enjoy new experiences like these**



A photograph of a football game in progress. The scene is set on a grassy field during what appears to be late afternoon or early morning, with long shadows and a warm, golden light. In the foreground, several players are in a three-point stance, ready for the play to start. They are wearing dark jerseys with orange accents and white helmets. One player on the left has a prominent tattoo on his right arm. In the background, other players are visible, some in motion. The overall atmosphere is one of intense focus and physical effort.

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**Since you're on the team  
this is how we move now.  
You are not on the sidelines.  
Get used to it...benefits and all.**



**The WNBA draft just happened.  
The players are now on a new team.**

**New Systems, New Affections, Merch, Identity,  
New Family, New Expectations, New Perks**

**Some perks of the team are:**

- 1. Professional pay and long-term stability**
- 2. Brand deals and name power**
- 3. Elite facilities and resources**
- 4. Upgraded travel and lifestyle**
- 5. Bigger stage and exposure**

# **Kingdom perks in Christ...**

**New Identity - 2 Corinthians 5:17**

**Full Access - Hebrews 4:16**

**Divine Power - Acts 1:8**

**Guided Direction - Psalm 37:23**

**Provision and Resources - 2 Peter 1:3**

# RESISTANCE

GET USED TO IT



**DISHWASHER  
GARAGE  
CENTRAL AIR  
DOUBLE SINKS**

## Colossians 3:2

**“Set your affection on things above,  
not on things on the earth.”**

When you find life to be challenging, get some bad news, feel bad in your body or spirit consider deflecting, reflecting and escape your troubles with a vacation or field trip and excursion in the Word of God. It tells you everything is going to be alright in the by and by.

## **Revelation 21:1-2**

**“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away...And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”**

## **Revelation 21:3**

**“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.”**

## **Revelation 21:4**

**“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”**

## **Revelation 21:5**

**“And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.”**

## **Revelation 21:10-11**

**“And he carried me away in the spirit...and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem...having the glory of God...”**

## **Revelation 21:23**

**“And the city had no need of the sun...for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.”**

## **Revelation 22:1-2**

**“And he shewed me a pure river of water of life...and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life...and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”**

**Revelation 22:3-5**

**“And there shall be no more curse...and they shall see his face...and they shall reign for ever and ever.”**

**Jesus Preparing the Place**

**John 14:2-3**

**“In my Father’s house are many mansions...I go to prepare a place for you...that where I am, there ye may be also.”**