



DEVOTIONAL SERIES
JESUS, OUR HOPE
CAPTAIN CRYSTAL PORTER



Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator
of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary, and his
understanding no one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary and increases
the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary, and
young men stumble and fall; but those who
hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will
run and not grow weary, they will walk and
not be faint.

Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV)

Perhaps it was an unexpected phone call, maybe a broken relationship. It could have been the loss of your job. But at some point, without warning, you were placed in a circumstance beyond your control. Looking for answers, you were left with more questions. Filled with grief, pain, and uncertainty left you depleted and feeling hopeless.

It's a struggle to find peace, joy, and hope in the midst of chaos. If I'm honest, sometimes it is hard to find it in the ordinary everyday moments as well. It's easy to lose hope when life feels hopeless. Throughout the song *Jesus, Our Hope*, we hear many questions, and as we hear each answer, it is a reminder of the steadfast presence of Jesus.

When there is great joy, when fear fades, when hearts rejoice and voices join in celebration, our Creator, our redeemer is our joy, our peace, our hope.

And yet, this truth of Jesus remains:

When pain is unbearable, when fear is overwhelming, when tears flow and our hearts lament, through the mess – faintly you can hear – there is hope.

Struggles can overwhelm, unknown troubles can arise, and quickly we wonder if there is a God who hears our cries, who sees our pain, and is willing to reach to the lowest depths. And yet, we hear the words of Isaiah 40:28-31 that says, "Have you not heard? Do you not know? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary."

When we place our hope and trust in the Creator of all things, our hopeless ending becomes an endless hope. Let's make Jesus the source of our hope. Whether during times of difficulty or moments of great joy, let's join in the chorus of this song together and sing:

*There is hope, there is peace,
Our redeemer and our King.
There is joy at Your feet,
Our redeemer and our King.
We trust in You,
Jesus, our hope.*