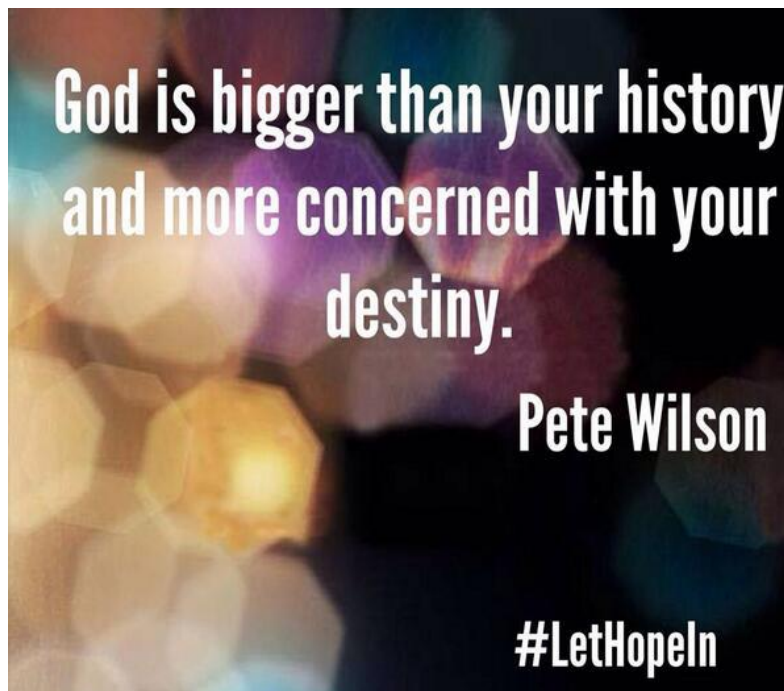


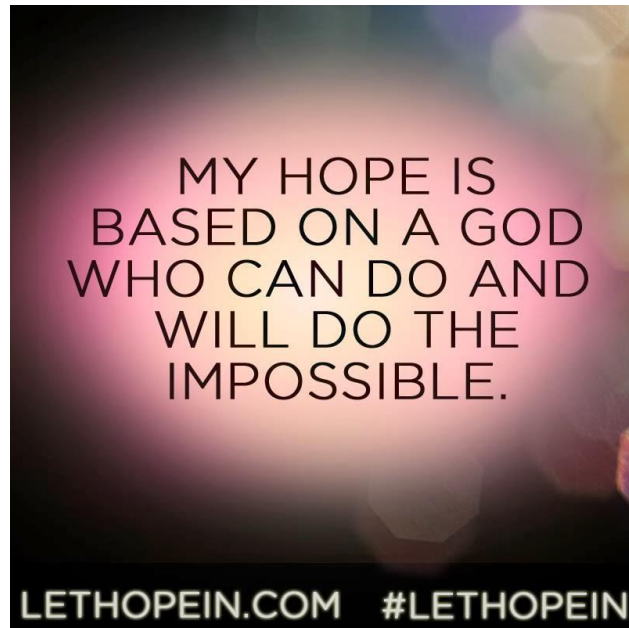
Hope: Got It!
2 Cor. 12:7-10

There was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me — to keep me from exalting myself! 8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. 9 And He has said to me, "***My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.***" Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.



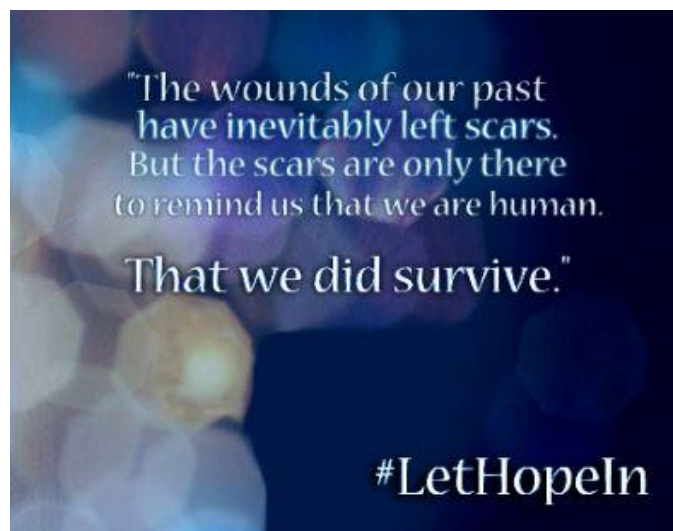
Choice #1: Learn to **transform** the pain so you don't **transfer** it. (v.7)

There was given me ***a thorn in the flesh***, a messenger of Satan to torment me — to keep me from exalting myself!



Choice #2: Learn to be okay with not being okay. (v.8)

Concerning this I *implored the Lord three times* that it might leave me.



Choice #3: Learn to trust God rather than trying to please Him. (v.9)

And He has said to me, "*My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.*" Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.



Choice #4: Choose to free people rather than hurt them. (v.10)

Therefore I am ***well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties***, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

