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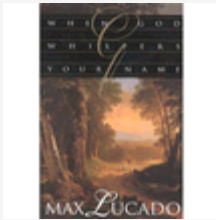


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Grandparent's Prayer
Suggestion

[A Grandchild's Heart](#)

Suggested Reading



[When God Whispers
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[3:16: The Numbers of
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**THE GIFT OF HOPE:
TAKE HEART!
(Part 2)**

Dear Cavin,

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Jesus - John 16:33

Is hope a reality without God and the promise of heaven? Our grandchildren are growing up in a world where God is barely acknowledged and life after death is debunked. The consequence of this nihilistic, man-centered worldview is, first and foremost, an intense feeling of hopelessness in the midst of a ruthless and turbulent world.

When hope is absent, our hearts grow weary and die. Without a spiritual compass to point us heavenward and the victorious work of Christ in our lives, we wander about forgetting that genuine hope does not come from trying to make a better life or trying to cope with disappointment. Hope is the outcome of resting in God - not the God I want, but the God who IS - and in His precious promise of a heavenly home where all troubles cease. Our grandchildren must know God's gift of hope is real and available to them because Christ has guaranteed it.

ACTION STEPS:

If we are to give them this life-changing gift of God's hope we must first possess this hope ourselves. If you know Christ's hope, share your story and journey in Christ with each of your grandchildren. Tell them and write down the stories of God's faithfulness ([see the Free Legacy Journal](#)) and the hope you have for an eternal home. Show them by your own faith that hope is alive and well.

GRANDPAUSE:

*"I can see the Light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
There will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes,
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You."*

(From the song "You Never Let Go!" by Matt Redman)

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