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Grandparent's Prayer
Suggestion

[An Ephesians Prayer](#)

Suggested Reading



[Heroes in Black
History: True Stories
from the Lives of
Christian Heroes](#)

By Dave & Neta
Jackson / Bethany
House



[Heaven](#)
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Zondervan

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THE GIFT OF HOPE For The Heavenly Minded

Dear Cavin

"Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations..." Rom. 4:18

"You're so heavenly minded you are no earthly good!" Is that really possible?

While I understand the issue behind this statement, it is my opinion that the person of greatest good on earth is the truly "heavenly minded." I'm not talking about the person who is always quoting Scripture and saying "Praise Jesus!" The "heavenly minded" person understands reality as God made it. The "heavenly minded" person knows that he is a sojourner in this place and is filled with hope for today and the future. Like Abraham, the "heavenly minded" person believes God, lives each day believing God's promises, even against all hope. A heavenly minded person will live with the same passions God has for this world and those who are without hope.

What are your grandchildren and others learning about hope and compassion from your life and the lives of other great men and women of God who endured much because of their hope in Christ? When our passion is to live for Christ, hope will spring to life and people will notice and be blessed. Will hope be the legacy you leave?

ACTION STEPS:

- This is Black History month, but most children are never told the true stories of hope and faith in Christ that enabled many of these great Americans to persevere. Read or give stories and biographies to your grandchildren about great men and women of faith who endured much because of their hope in Christ. Tell them the WHOLE story!
- Teach your grandchildren the great hymns and songs of hope and assurance that are such a rich part of our heritage.

GRANDPAUSE:

"Hope is never ill when faith is well." - John Bunyan

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