

# When Hope is Gone



**W**hat happens when God moves?

1. When God moves \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 7:12-15

a. When hope is gone remember \_\_\_\_\_.

2. When God moves people are \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 7:16

a. When hope is gone remember \_\_\_\_\_.

3. When God moves the \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 7:17

a. When hope is gone remember \_\_\_\_\_.

## Take Home Truth

The face of faith is \_\_\_\_\_.

Today's Core Virtue:

Hope: "I can cope with the hardships of life and with death because of the hope I have in Jesus Christ." (from Romans 5:3-5)



## Deeper Connection Study

Jesus travels 25 miles from his home base in Capernaum to the town of Nain. His disciples are with him as well as a large crowd. What they witness in Nain will be talked about everywhere – news of Jesus is going viral! *Today's Core Virtue discussed: Faith.*

### Read Luke 7:11-17

1. What is the scene as Jesus approaches the town of Nain (vv. 11-12)? How dire is the woman's situation?
2. What does Jesus say to the woman and how is it a compassionate invitation to faith (v. 13)? What does he do for her (vv. 14-15)? How is this event similar to 1 Kings 17:17-24?
3. How public is Jesus' miracle (vv. 16-17)? How does the crowd react to this and how do they describe Jesus?
4. What impact does Jesus usually have on those he meets? How does he display personal care and supernatural power?
5. How does knowing Jesus' power to raise the dead affect the way you live? How might this bolster your faith in him?
6. How would you describe Jesus' impact on your life? What can you share with others about his great power?

**PRAYER TO THE POINT:** Praise God for his compassion and power! Pray for your faith to grow as you trust in God's power and sovereignty. Ask God to use you to encourage others in their faith.



A famous face of faith in the 20<sup>th</sup> century was Cornelia “Corrie” ten Boom who lived from 1892 to 1983. Growing up in the Netherlands her story was woven into the Dutch resistance and the fight against the Nazi Holocaust during WWII. Corrie, along with her father and other family members, helped many Jews escape, which led to her imprisonment. Her famous book, *The Hiding Place*, is a biography that recounts her family's efforts and her time spent in a concentration camp. In one chapter Corrie recalls how they held worship services, after the hard days at work, using a Bible that they had managed to sneak in. During that time her sister's health deteriorated leading to her death at the age of 59. Before she died, she told Corrie, “There is no pit so deep that God is not deeper still.” Fifteen days after her sister's death, Corrie was released on a clerical error, which rescued her from the gas chambers.

In Luke 7 there was woman who also suffered a great loss, and similar to Corrie's story, God rescued her from the pit of despair. Are you in a pit? Then be encouraged because you have a God that is deeper still!