

Hope

**Spiritual warfare is
a contest between
competing objects
of our desire.**

“Hope gets us up
in the morning
and lets us sleep well
at night.”

“Realistic Hopes
do not disappoint.
False Hopes
break our heart.”

“Hope is expectation fed by vision,
promise, and faith.”

a study in

false expectations



Luke 15
“the parable
of the
Two Sons”



Misplaced hope #1

***- The Father's stuff
not the
Father***

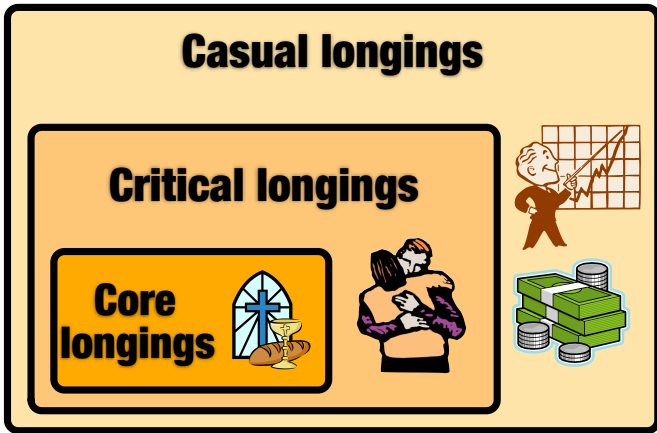
Misplaced hope #2

***- The Father's stuff
NOW!***

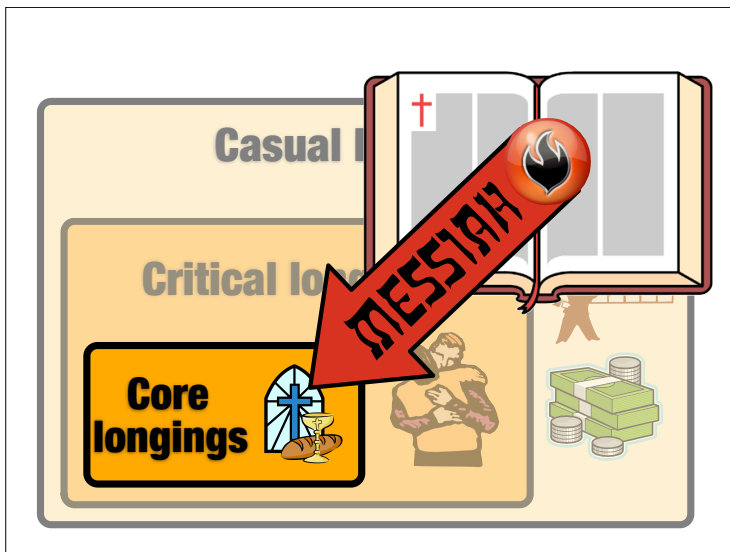
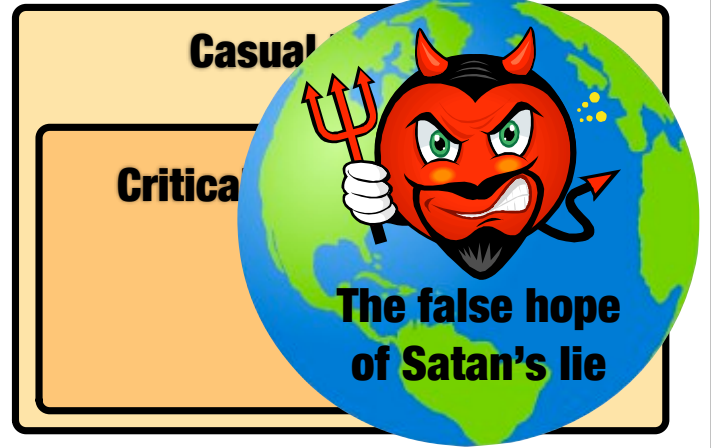
Misplaced hope #3

***- The Father's stuff
on
my terms***

Levels of human hope



A false messiah's focus is superficial.



Matthew 6

“¹⁹ Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

If it can rust or be stolen it is an earthly treasure.

Don't lay up for yourself anything that can be taken from you.



Christian Hope is not:

1. **Centered on the casual longings of life** so much as the core desires of our hearts.
2. **Focused on my plans** so much as God's.
3. **Something that the world can take away** because it is not something the world can give.
4. **Expecting perfection in this life** but glory in the next.