

# Hope in Hard Times

John 16:33

# Handling Hard Times

Hard times are part of life

Hard times are sometimes part of the plan

Hard times can reveal Christ's presence

Hard times will show Christ's provision

Hard times cause us to rely on Christ's power

# John 16:33

- **"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."**

# The Promise of Peace

**"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.**

Peace is possible

Peace is a promise

Peace is provided

# Comparison of Peace

## World Centered Peace

Trouble

Death

Misery

Bondage

Pain

## Christ Centered Peace

Peace

Life

Joy

Freedom

Relief

# The Reality of Problems

**In this world you will have trouble.**

The world tricks us into a false security

Life in this world is filled with trouble

Jesus desires for us to live in triumph

# The Display of Power

**But take heart! I have overcome the world.**

Jesus offers personal encouragement

Jesus has already defeated the enemy

Jesus defines our expectations

# How Does Jesus Help Us in Hard Times?

Jesus promises us peace

Jesus understands there are problems

Jesus shows us His power