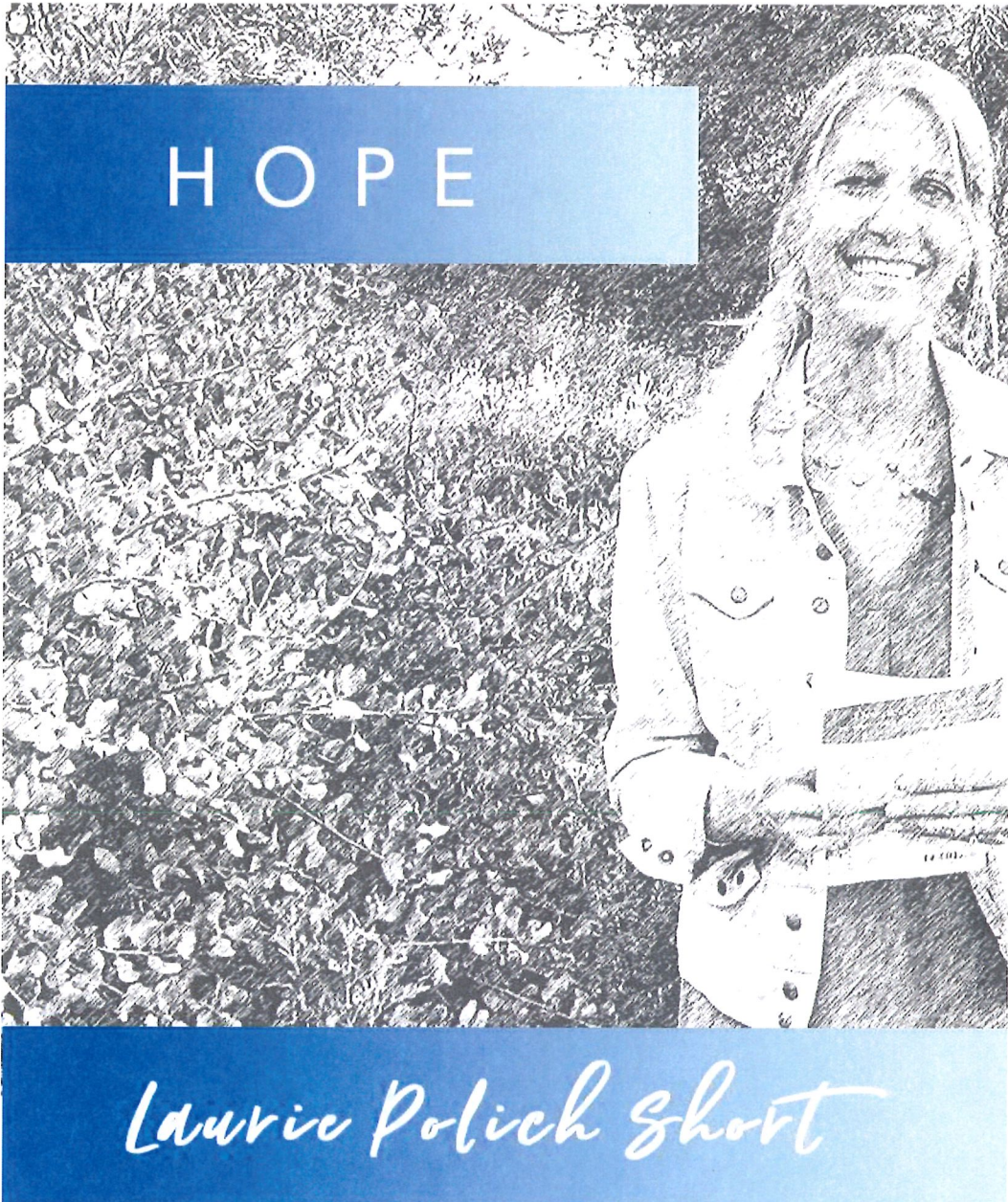


# Study Guide



HOPE

*Laurie Polich Short*



## **HOPE**

### **Video and Study Guide instructions**

Our dire situations can become the circumstances where our hope is increased... because only when we feel hopeless do we get to see the miracles God can do. In this study, Laurie looks at three passages of scripture that not only give some unique insights into hope- they will cause you to see your impossibilities in a new way.

You can do this video study individually or with a group, online or in person. The study can be done in three parts, or all at once. Laurie's teaching includes insights from three different passages, and the video can be paused in between passages, or watched completely through. Use the video in whatever way suits you or your group.

There are ten questions on the next page, and they are grouped under each section of the video. Use all the questions or pick and choose the ones you want to use, and feel free to alter or add any to suit your group. This study is for you to use however you want to use it.

My prayer is that this study on Hope will be a blessing to you. Please feel free to email if you have any questions!

Laurie Short  
([lauriepshort@gmail.com](mailto:lauriepshort@gmail.com))

### **Ezekiel 37**

1. Laurie says you need to be in a situation that requires hope in order to have hope. What is a situation in your life where you need hope right now?

2. Has there been a time in your life where you doubted God could work? What was it about the situation that seemed so hopeless? What happened?

3. How does Ezekiel's vision speak to you right now? Have you ever had an "only God" experience where God did the impossible? What would that look like for you?

### **Habakkuk 3**

4. Do you look more at your circumstances to predict the outcome of a situation or to God? Does Laurie's insight about circumstances not being a great predictor of what is going to happen make sense to you? Where have you seen that in your life?

5. What are some qualities/character traits of God that you can proclaim right now despite your life circumstances? How do these characteristics change your perspective of your trial?

6. The idea of proclaiming God's faithfulness in the middle of your story requires faith/courage. Is this something you see yourself doing? Why or why not? In what ways could a trial you are going through become a testimony to others?

### **Philippians 1- Paul**

7. Are you the type of person that prays to get out of the situation or prays for God's will in the situation? How does Paul's prison sentence inspire you?

8. Paul had no idea of the plans God had for his letters-- he simply did what he could in his circumstances. How does this speak to you? In what way does this cause you to look at your seasons of despair differently?

9. Have you ever seen God use a difficult season of your life to impact the faith of others? Does that give you strength and hope for any difficulty you are facing now?

*(Use the next page to write your reflections on the final takeaway and note different perspectives of others in your group)*

**Final Takeaway:**

10. Which of the three passages/stories speaks to you most in your current situation? What is your takeaway from this study on hope?