



LOVE... WHERE YOU LIVE

THE ART OF **NEIGHBORING**

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³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again."

John 3:3,7

"You called and cried out loud and shattered my deafness. You were radiant and resplendent, you put to flight my blindness. You were fragrant, and I drew in my breath and now pant after you. I tasted you, and I feel but hunger and thirst for you. You touched me, and I am set on fire..."

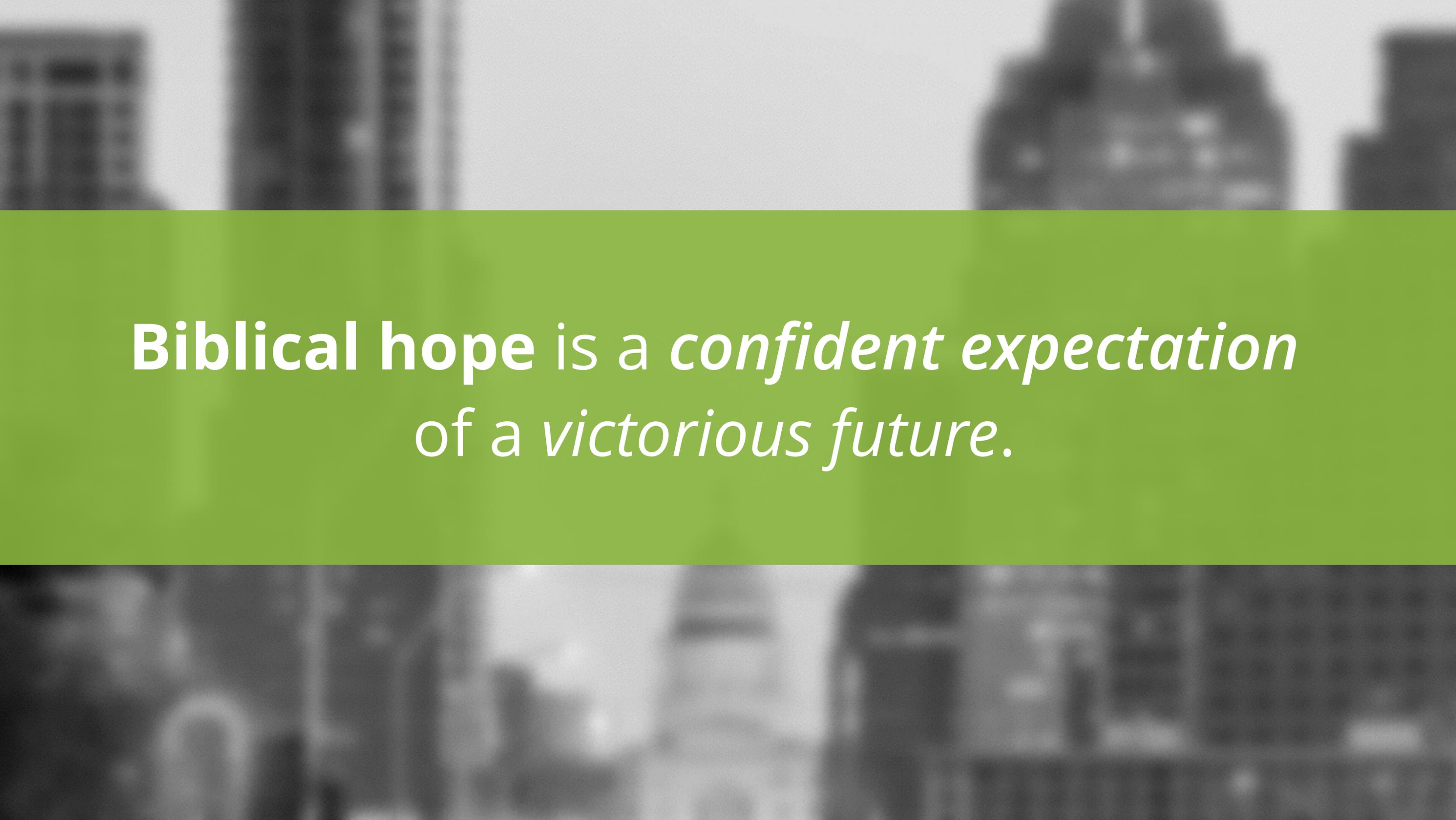
Augustine | Confessions



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Biblical hope is a *confident expectation*
of a *victorious future*.

"The astronomer tells us that, at long last, the universe will attain the age of equilibrium, when nothing more can happen. But eons and eons before that, human life will have disappeared. Do you suppose it will matter that we ever existed? We will have been a chapter in the history of the universe as pointless as the chapter about the strange monsters that inhabited the primeval earth. ...

Somerset Maugham

... If one puts aside the existence of God and the survival after life as too doubtful...one has to make up one's mind as to the use of life. If death ends all, if I have neither to hope for good nor to fear evil, I must ask myself what I am here for, and how in these circumstances I must conduct myself. Now the answer is plain, but so unpalatable that most will not face it: *There is no meaning for life, and [thus] life has no meaning.*"

Somerset Maugham

"There was no meaning in life. Man, by living, served no end, life was insignificant and death was without consequence, and at last, it seemed to Philip that any burden of responsibility was taken from him, and for the first time he was utterly free."

Somerset Maugham | Of Human Bondage

"But, he realized—*he could never be happy.*"

Somerset Maugham | Of Human Bondage

"a *living* hope"

1 Peter 1:3



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"I am the resurrection and the life."

John 11:25

"They say of...suffering, 'No future bliss can make up for it', not knowing that Heaven, once attained, will work backwards, and turn even all that agony into a glory."

C.S. Lewis | The Great Divorce



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