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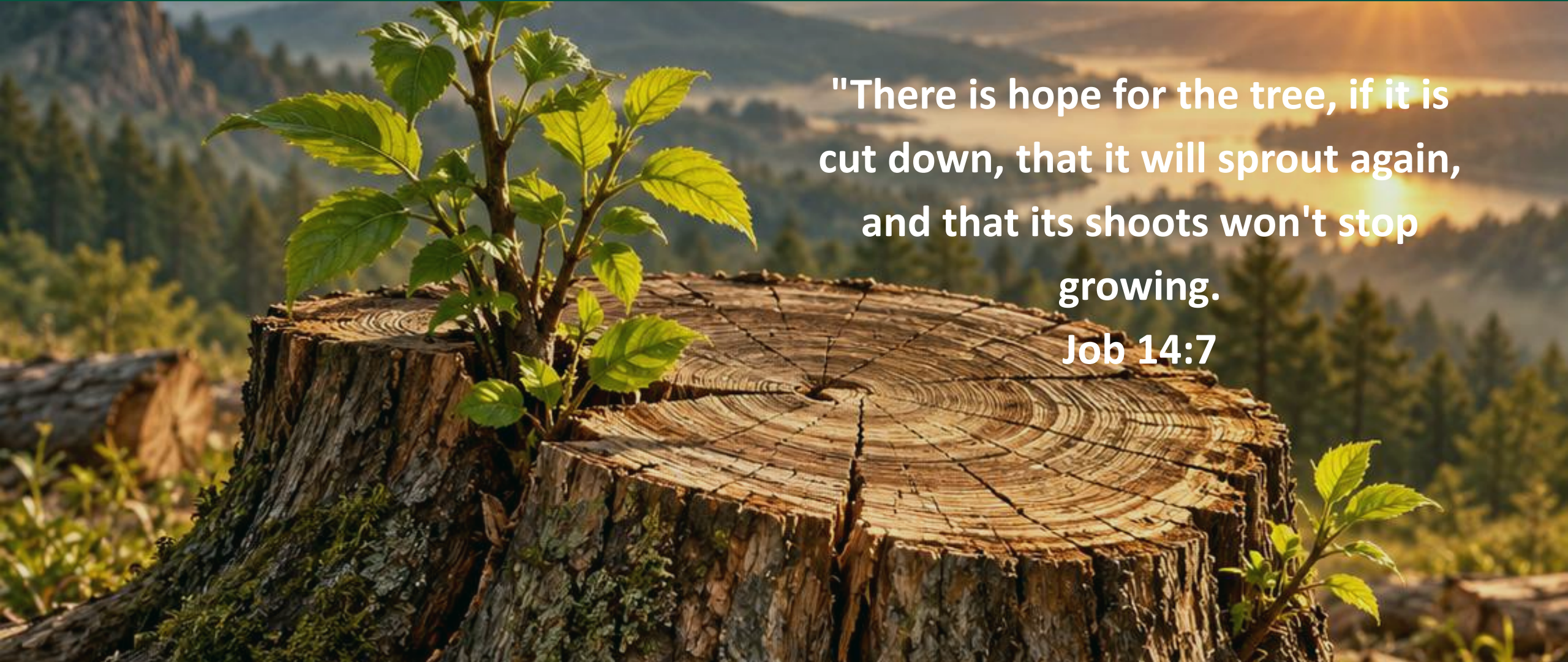


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"There is hope for the tree, if it is
cut down, that it will sprout again,
and that its shoots won't stop
growing.
Job 14:7



Hope that transforms

There are actually 3 kinds of Hope that produce 3 kinds of Hope

Human Hope - An innate anticipation of something better or at least give opportunity for settlement - for a hope for a better tomorrow - it keeps you going

Hope in uncertain times

Scientific or Calculated Hope - Evaluating your chances

Weighing the odds - as long as the evaluation of the odds has a chance of survival or positive outcomes we have hope - until you hit 100 years like Abraham - when all human & scientific hope is gone - “against all hope he believed in hope”

But with Lazarus hope was gone after 4 days “He now stinks”

When the science does not offer hope we need faith -

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Elements of Hope That Transforms
Today, allow me to delve a little deeper into Acts 27, it contains a number of things that form hope that transforms.

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1.The Element of Vision

Acts 27:23¹

**“There stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve.”
To see beyond the storm, to see beyond the now, will transform you. If you can
see what is standing with you as you stand for Europe you will be strengthened**

To see what God is up to.

Where there is no vision people cast off restraint

When people cannot see what God is doing they stumble all over themselves

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2.The Element of Purpose

The element of Purpose was Overarching, overriding the process – the storm, the captivity, the fourteen days of turmoil.

Acts 27:24

“Fear not, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar.”

Through trial and tribulation, we have hope because we have purpose.

Rom 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

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Viktor Frankl

- The Backdrop: A prominent Austrian psychiatrist, Viktor Frankl was imprisoned in Nazi concentration camps, including Auschwitz, during World War II.
 - The Spark of Hope: Amidst absolute brutality, Frankl observed that the prisoners who survived were not necessarily the physically strongest, but those who maintained a sense of purpose or hope for the future—whether it was the desire to see a child again, finish a book, or practice their profession after the war.
 - The Transformation: Frankl survived the camp and used his experiences to develop Logotherapy, a revolutionary school of psychotherapy centered around the human search for meaning. His seminal book, *Man's Search for Meaning*, has since inspired millions of people worldwide to find hope within their own suffering.
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Rom 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Rom 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Rom 5:3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

Rom 5:4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

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3. Presence and Proclamation brought transformation ;
There three categories of people on the ship:

- The centurion and his soldiers.
- The captain and owner of the ship.and his workers
- The captives or prisoners, of which Paul was one
- Presence.
- Proclamation of one person.

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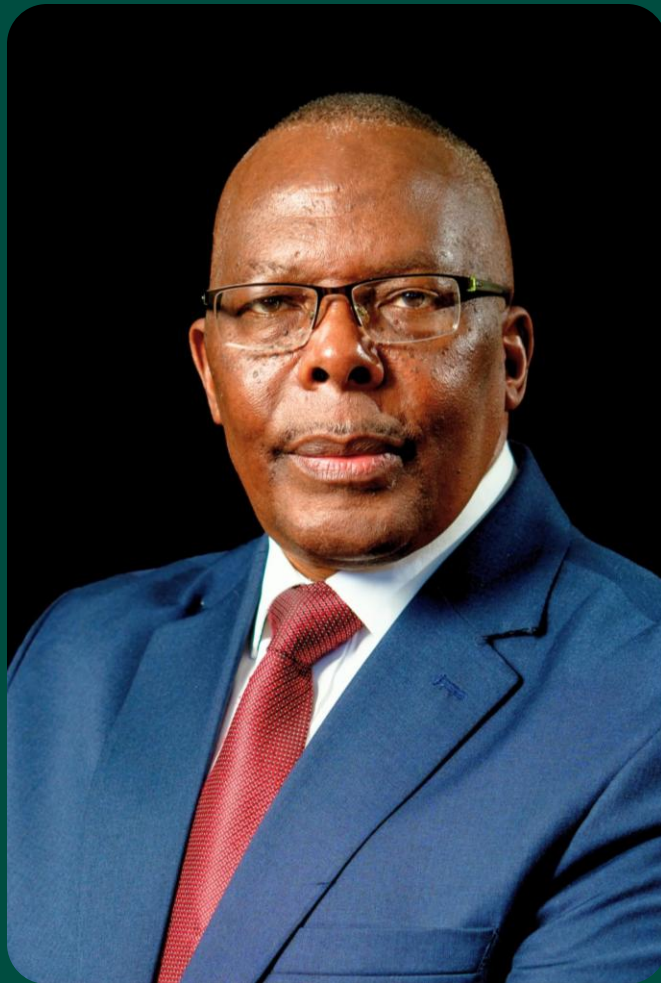


By the end of the story Look at the transformation of the dynamic of power, command, trust and influence. Paul's faith and hope in Christ changes the influence and power dynamics and even decisions All received hope because of the:

- Presence.
- Proclamation of one person.

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- **Hope That Transforms: Questions**
- **In many countries of Europe and around the world, Christians and the Church have lost ground. What are the acts of hope that can bring new hope through the presence and message of Christ?**
- **What would hope transformation look like for your context?**
- **What will it take for the hope of the Gospel message to bring transformation?**



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