

Recognition of the Challenge to Hope in our World

You cannot solve a problem if you do not recognize it.

There is no need to provide a list of the challenges our worlds (family, community, nation and globe) face today. Anyone of us could produce an unendingly long list of problems.

The key, perhaps to keeping hope alive is to look around and see where inroads/solutions are taking hold -- small signs of life overcoming the death-dealing challenges.

Our call is to open our eyes to see the good, the healing, the wonder in our world.

Pope Francis reminds us:
For God continues to sow
abundant seeds of goodness
in our human family...

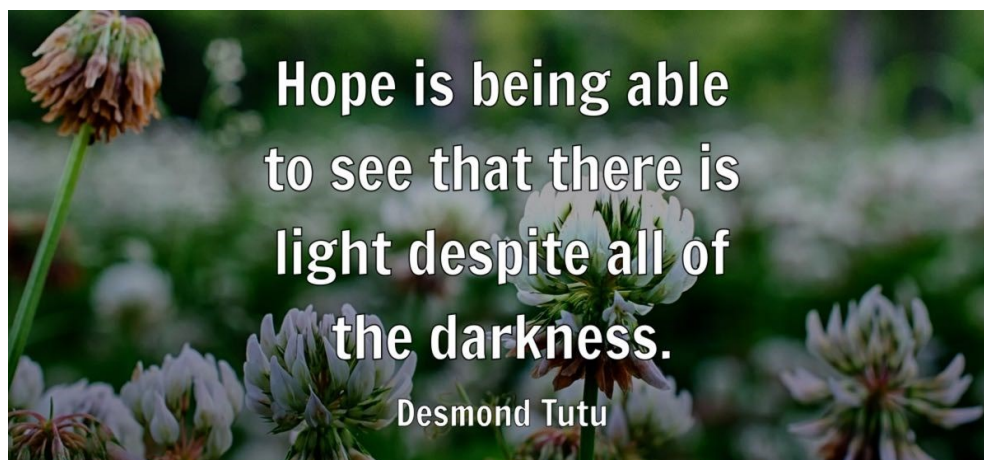
We begin to realize that our lives
are interwoven with and sustained by
ordinary people valiantly shaping the
decisive events
of our shared history...
people who understand
no one is saved alone.

Fratelli Tutti, #54, adapted

Paul tells us in Romans: (Rom. 15:4-5)

“Whatever was written previously
was written for our instruction,
that by endurance and by the
encouragement of the Scriptures
we might have hope.

May the God of endurance
and encouragement
grant you to think in harmony
with one another,
in keeping with Christ Jesus.”



Practice for the week: Each day – write down three signs of hope you see around you. If necessary, stick with the process to find three. And thank God for each. Perhaps, start really small, but each day widen your vision.

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