

# Maybe Things Will Get Better



I was listening to Tracy Chapman’s excellent song, *Fast Car*, in the... well, the car... last evening. There’s a line in the song that says, “*Maybe together we can get somewhere, any place is better... we gotta make a decision, leave tonight or live and die this way...*” Wham. Some songs just hit me, you know?

So here I am at 4:17 a.m., wide awake, with Tracy’s song playing in my head. I might as well write a post.

Hope is a precious thing that all of us have in some form or another. Hope gets us out of bed in the morning because it’s a belief that there is something at the end of all this living. Without hope, life becomes something that is almost untenable. Our deepest, darkest times are when hope feels so very distant... almost impossible, right?

What do you hope for? Dream for? What is your ultimate “if you had only one wish” wish? If your life could suddenly become “absolutely perfect,” how would it look? If you won the lottery (how much would you like to win, by the way?), what would you do with the money? Do you ever think—even though your life may be totally rainbows and butterflies right now—that things could be a tiny bit better, no matter how “perfect” they are? Let your imagination run wild for a minute...

There’s this verse in the Bible that, the first time I read it, was like a punch in the stomach for me—in a good way. It’s in [Ephesians, chapter 3](#). The whole chapter is good (read Paul’s prayer and imagine he is praying it just for you—which he was, by the way). Yet if I had to pick one verse (like that one wish, I guess), I would focus on [Ephesians 3:20](#), which says:

*“Now all the glory to God, who is able, through God’s mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”*

Read that verse again and... let it really sink in:

*“Now all the glory to God, who is able, through God’s mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”*

This verse is saying that God will do **more** than you might ask for—or even be able to dream about. Doesn’t that kind of make your head explode?

Here is the ultimate hope, isn’t it? For me, this is the essence of who God is—too big for us to even ask about, or think about, or imagine, or comprehend. (There are cool words to describe this understanding of God: [inscrutable](#), [immutable](#), [enigmatic](#).) As humans, God’s level of everything is more than we can even ask or imagine.

One of my top Bible verses of all time is found in [Romans, chapter 15, verse 13](#). (Another thing written by Paul, by the way. If I got tattoos, I might consider it...) It says:

*“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in God. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

### **Confident hope.**

A hope bigger than just “regular hope.”

A hope that “*exceeds a fixed number that can be measured...*”

How’d you like that kind of hope?!

Most of us are like the person in Tracy Chapman’s song... “*maybe things will get better... I don’t want to live and die this way...*” Maybe this feeling of longing—of something missing that we are searching for and just can’t seem to find, no matter how hard we try—is this “more than we can ask or imagine” thing that Paul says God is promising us.

Isn’t it wonderful that it’s already been spoken about in the Bible?

Believing this—having faith in God and God’s promises—would be, well, better than winning the Best Lottery of All Time, wouldn’t it? I can’t even imagine what that would be. Can you?

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### **Scripture to maybe check out:**

- [Ephesians 3:14–20](#) – Paul’s excellent prayer
- [Romans 15:13](#) – My potential tattoo, lol
- [Psalm 63](#) – A psalm about a really bad time and the realization of God’s presence and care in the midst of it all

**P.S.** I used the New Living Translation of the Bible in these Scripture links, published by Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., Carol Stream, Illinois (1996, 2006, 2015). Feel free to check these passages out in whatever Bible version you prefer—almost all of them are available on Bible Gateway!

Here is Tracy Chapman’s original performance of [Fast Car](#) at Wembley Stadium in 1988.

What are your thoughts about this post? Email me and let me know!

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