

The Gandalf Option

Romans 8: 18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed **in us**.

Romans 8: 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.
20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but **by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope** 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

Romans 8: 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the **pains of childbirth** right up to the present time.

True hope lies in the reality of
the new heaven and new earth
prepared for those who
believe...**in hope.**

Romans 8: 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

We are called to be distinct from
the world

while living in the world with
hope.

To be hopeful means to do
what we are supposed to do
because our eventual
prospects **are certain.**

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40 since God had **planned something better** for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Romans 8: 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, **we wait for it patiently.**

Everything is going to be OK

Jesus lives and so shall I.

Romans 8: 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, **the Spirit is life** because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit** who dwells in you... 16 The Spirit himself **bears witness** with our spirit that we are children of God...

The most common mistake
Christians make in living with hope

is to do so according to our own
spirit.

Our woes have always been
spiritual and they require a
spiritual solution.

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The resurrection of Jesus
becomes a reality in the
presence of God.

Prayer is not about petition.

Prayer is about presence.

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resence in
ain gives us
ower over our
problems.

Acts 16: 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

Jesus does not save us in spite
of his weakness but through
his weakness.

(christian strength is the result of weakness)



The rule of no realm is mine,
neither of Gondor nor any other,
great or small. But all worthy
things that are in peril as the
world now stands, those are my
care.



And for my part, I shall not wholly fail of my task, though Gondor should perish, if anything passes through this night that can still grow fair or bear fruit and flower again in days to come. **For I also am a steward.** Did you not know?

The Gandalf Option:
Are you a ruler or a steward?

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