

Hope For The Future

*H*ave you ever had a “mountain-top experience?” Mine was the summer of 1969 at an Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship camp named Bear Trap Ranch high in the mountains near Colorado Springs. It was by far the best summer of my life. On the last day of camp, a Sunday, I recall being totally depressed having to say goodbye to all my friends. To make matters worse I was a third semester senior in college. [I crammed 4 years into 4 1/2 years!] Many of my best friends had graduated and I couldn’t imagine life without them. The prospects of going back to Kansas, my home state, to finish college felt like such a letdown compared to the beauty of the Colorado Rockies. As I was packing my car to head down the mountain for the last time, I was choking back tears. So, I did the only thing I could think of. I turned on my car radio. It so happened that my car radio was tuned to a Christian station and they were playing the most beautiful rendition of the song, “Be Still My Soul.” One line from that song spoke directly to my soul: “Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side to guide the future as He has the past.” Listening to those words I literally felt God’s peace come over me.—He was asking me to trust Him and face the future with hope. Just as He had been faithful that summer, I could trust Him with the semester in front of me.

As it turned out, I had one of the best semesters of my entire college career. What changed? The circumstances hadn’t changed, but God had given me a new vision and a reason to hope. Just as He had been faithful in my past, I could reasonably expect Him to be faithful in my future as well. It only makes sense.

As you look back on your life, can you see how faithful God has been in your past? Therefore, you have every reason to trust Him with your future. Relax. Rest in His goodness and faithfulness.

