**“Hope, Joy, Peace, and Faith”**

Going deeper in Romans 15:13

**INTRODUCTION**

In the chapters prior to this the Apostle Paul has described in depth the grace of God that has come in and through Jesus Christ. Because of this grace our relationships with others should be different. Paul in the passage right before this has stressed that the relationships between Jews and Gentiles need to change because of God’s grace. The following verse is meant to encourage them in living out this life of grace.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.*

13 May the God of hope fill you up with all joy and peace as you trust in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit.

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. What do you think people who don’t follow Jesus find hope in today?

2. What does this verse suggest is God’s desire for you and others?

3. What happens as we trust in the Lord?

4. Where does the power of this kind of life come from?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Ask the Lord to deepen your trust in Him.

\*Thank Him for the joy and peace that comes with life in Him.

\*Ask Him to show you who in your life needs His hope, joy, and peace.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

The God of hope fills you with joy and hope as you trust in Him by the power of the Holy Spirit. How will people see that in your life this week?