

# Awaiting the Light

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Reflecting on HOPE by BJ

**Where does my help come from?**

Check out BJ's favorite worship song:  
*I'm blessed*, by Charlie Wilson

*I look up to the mountains;  
does my strength come from mountains?  
No, my strength comes from God,  
who made heaven, and earth, and mountains.  
3-4 He won't let you stumble,  
your Guardian God won't fall asleep.  
Not on your life! Israel's  
Guardian will never doze or sleep.  
5-6 God's your Guardian,  
right at your side to protect you—  
Shielding you from sunstroke,  
sheltering you from moonstroke.  
7-8 God guards you from every evil,  
he guards your very life.  
He guards you when you leave and when you return,  
he guards you now, he guards you always. Psalm 121 (The MESSAGE)*

*Where does my HOPE come from? From God. God gave me hope when I needed it most. He brought me out of addiction. He gave me hope to carry on. And beyond that, he gives me hope over and over again. In the early years of parenting as a single mom I struggled, but God gave me hope to keep being a good Mom to my two girls. And he gave me hope to build better things in the relationship with my older two children. God showed up with all my kids.*

*You see because I have a personal relationship with Jesus. I get strength from him every day. I wouldn't be able to do nothing without Jesus. I connect to hope by starting my day with him in a devotional I read. I connect to hope by staying connected to other believers too. I get strength from them, and I can give them hope too. I can talk to people who don't know Jesus and speak in a way that brings hope to them. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be able to do none of the stuff I do.*

*I live in hope - out of his strength, not mine. I have hope for our church too -that we are a place where people have a unique gift to bring to the table. That God is fitting us together. It brings me joy when we pop ideas off each other. I have hope that God is building our church that welcomes lots of other people that need Hope too.*