

**APRIL 22**

**WE LIVE IN HOPE**

*I have it all planned out— plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.*

JEREMIAH 29:11, THE MESSAGE

**H**ope acts on the conviction that God will complete the work he has begun even when the appearances, especially when the appearances, oppose it.

Every person we meet must be drawn into that expectation. Every situation in which we find ourselves must be included in the kingdom that we are convinced God is bringing into being. Hope is buying into what we believe. . . .

It is, of course, far easier to languish in despair than to live in hope, for when we live in despair we don't have to do anything or risk anything. If we live in hope, we go against the stream.

RUN WITH THE HORSES<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Eugene H. Peterson, [\*God's Message for Each Day: Wisdom from the Word of God\*](#) (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2006).