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Hope By the Numbers

I, by nature, am a numbers and data person and have always been inclined to look at statistics and draw conclusions. Now these exercises and conclusions are strictly my own.

So for today's LOH I investigated the word count in the bible. The data I was able to find online is based on the King James Version but I expect the statistics would be similar for other versions.

- The bible contains approximately 788,000 words.
- 'And, the, of, that, to & in' make up 112,902 of the total words.
- There are 14,565 words that are unique to the bible.
- The most commonly used nouns are not surprisingly; Lord at 7,365, God at 4,293 and Man at 2,747 appearances (this is the KJV and many times the word man would mean "all people" in more modern language)
- The words evil, death, sin, wicked and dead all appear within the top 250 words for a combined total of nearly 2400 usages.
- The words Faith, Hope and Love are not in the top 250, meaning that they are each used less than 400 times and in fact Hope only appears approximately 130 times in nearly 800,000 words.

So what do I conclude from this;

- Each of us are important and, just like each word in the bible, have a role in the story.
- Many of us are similar and just like the words 'and, the, of, that, to & in', the story wouldn't read right without us.
- Some of us are unique and just like those unique words in the bible we add something special to the story
- Our Lord and God is the lead character, but we have a supporting role.
- Bad things are around but it is truly only a small percentage

And my final conclusion;

- **HOPE is there but we have to look for it!**

Spend some time this week looking for Hope, either searching for it literally in your bible or seeking it out in your daily life. Your spiritual health will thank you. And remember your role in the story is no less important than anyone else's

Much love and hope in Christ,

Lori



An example of **Hope** hidden in plain sight
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