

were strongly affected. He easily felt ==fell to weeping. I believe that the helmet has much to do with your emotions, has much to do with your thoughts. We need to lay proper stress on hope. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' death and righteousness. Our hope must be placed in Him, and we must constantly remember the importance of this hope.

You have doubtless heard the story which is often used as an illustration of the boy who was in the third story of a building that is burning. The flames are darting out from the lower floors. The fire will soon engulf him. The boy stands on a ledge. It is dark underneath him. If he stays he will be burned; if he jumps he will probably be killed.

I visited ~~a~~ in Norway one time. I came to a place where there was one of the great hotels of Europe. It had been burned about two years before.== about two weeks before by a tremendous fire. The building was on the side of a hill. The people on the side toward the north part of the hill had jumped through the windows trying to escape the fire. At least 30 of them had landed on the rocks below and been killed from the fall.

The boy looks into the darkness and hears his father's voice. His father says, Jump. The boy has faith in his father. He has faith in his father's goodness. He has faith in his father's love for him. But he has hope. He has certitude that his father will be able to catch him. He has hope and certainty that his father will be able to save him if he jumps in the direction of the voice he hears.

Hope is something we need to stress. Hope that has great part in all our lives. Our confidence, our relation to the future. I realize how much our expectation of what's just ahead affects our general attitude. You take the attitude of the student who is studying something today. He is studying something and he says, Well if I don't get it today I can get it tomorrow. If I don't get it then I can get it next week! Or I can maybe cram before the exam.

But you take the attitude when he knows the exam is just ahead. Most of us our minds work at double speed ~~which~~ when we have something that's just ahead, that is vital and in relation to which our attitude and our knowledge is vital. What is ahead tremendously affects it. If we have hope, if we have knowledge and we have studied as we should, we have the material in our minds then we have a basis for our hope that we can do well in the exam. Then we are wise not to cram and look for a last minute review of things. But to relax and be in better shape to do the examination well. Hope is something that affects us in relation to the future, very much.

I had an experience once where I don't think you could say I had hope, but I had a lack of caring which had in that particular case much the same effect. I had arrived in Germany to study.