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## Hope

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I went to a children's movie recently called "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs." It's an animated film and near the beginning of the movie one of the hero's science experiments failed, well actually several of them failed. And he says "I look defeat in the face and I see hope." I love this. He saw hope shining through what seemed to be defeat. We can look any situation or person in the face and see through the mistakes to the hope of spiritual goodness that is our God-given heritage. We can look deeper than the discouragement and find the hope of God's righteousness shining through. God is the power of righteousness operating in our lives. God's goodness and righteousness are going on even if they seem to be hidden. Hope isn't the human mind pretending that everything's going to be okay. Hope is the Christ shining in our hearts and leading us towards God. It's the divine that shines through the human. Mary Baker Eddy wrote a poem entitled "Hope" and the second verse says "Hope happifies life, at the altar or bower, and loosens the fetters of pride and of power; It comes through our tears, as the soft summer rain, to beautify, bless, and make joyful again." Right in the face of defeat you can see hope. Hope is the key that opens the door to a new experience. So today, let's look every situation in the face and see hope. Let's use that key of hope to open the door to God's treasure store of blessings for you today.