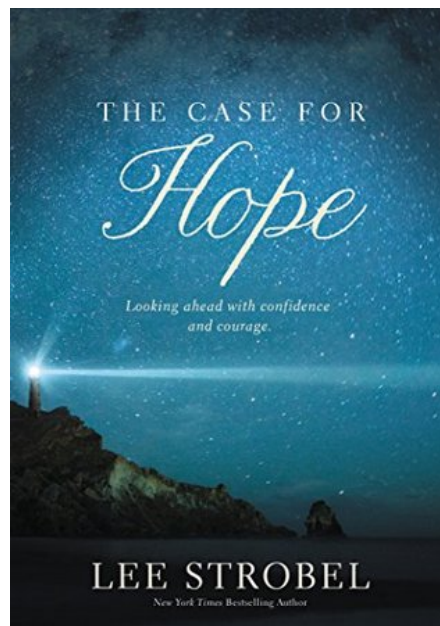




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Can you really trust in hope? Lee Strobel proves that you can!

Lee Strobel's trademark investigative style paired with an uplifting message of the hope found in Jesus Christ. Lee's timeless message walks readers through why holding on to hope is so crucial, why we can trust in the hope of Jesus Christ, and how that hope can change our lives for the better.

Lee Strobel has already helped millions delve deeper into their faith and investigate the how and the why of what they believe. His cases for a creator, Christ, and faith are air-tight and convincing to even the most stalwart skeptic. *The Case for Hope* is sure to inspire and ignite hope into the hearts of those who thought they were without hope.

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Audra Murray says

Wonderful book on hope for any stage of your journey of belief. I would recommend as a gift to someone in your life that is not a believer or new to the faith.

Crystal says

Positive, encouraging and beautifully written. Includes several testimonies of the most unlikely and hopeless personalities, in dire situations, that radically changed to become lovingly unselfish, authentically happy people.

Short but sweet! Great read in time of Lent.

Tanwin says

I've read almost all of Lee Strobel's "The Case for" series. While most of them have been great, this is definitely the weakest of them all.

The Case for Hope lacks the stories and investigative approach that worked so well on Strobel's other books. This doesn't feel like a Strobel book. But does it make a bad book?

By no means. It is still an excellent book on hope. It talks about where to find hope when there is none, the source of real hope, and even talk about the hope of heaven.

This book is aimed primarily for those who are new to Christian faith or people who are exploring Christianity. So although I'm giving it a 3 star it is still a good book.

Debi Lantzer says

HOPE - I believe when we have hope, we have faith - faith in God. According to bestselling Christian author, Lee Strobel, hope is more than wishful thinking, blind optimism, or hopeful dreams, and our true source of "living hope" is the biblical hope that is found in Jesus Christ. Each day, we are bombarded by images of conflict, struggle, and despair. In our 24/7-news cycle that seems to always focus on the negative, it can be challenging to carve out space where we can focus on life's blessings and find hope. But what is hope, and how can we find it in an often hopeless world?

"Hope is the inextinguishable flicker God ignites in our souls to keep us believing in the prevailing power of His light even when we are surrounded by utter darkness."

Strobel reminds us that biblical hope is the confident expectation that God is willing and able to fulfill the promises He has made to those who trust Him. The Bible refers to this as "living hope". In Lamentations

3:21-23, we are reminded that we can live with hope because even though we fail God, fail our families, and fail ourselves, God's compassion is a renewable resource that is fresh and available every day because He is willing to offer us a new start.

To read and reflect on the Gospel accounts of Jesus, we realize that he was a big source of hope. He lived a life that showed others the hope that they could find greater meaning and purpose in their lives. He spread tangible hope as he healed broken hearts and diseased bodies of countless people. He promised a hope-filled existence in heaven for eternity for those who would trust and follow him.

This is a very quick but insightful book that I thought I would breeze through for purposes of this review. However, at this point in my life, as a Christian I do have hope, but sometimes I can have that wishful thinking or blind optimism hope. When I have hope in God, knowing He is willing and able to lead the way, things are always so much better in my life.

I love that at the end of this book there's a 30-day journal for us to learn more about hope. We will begin the 30-day journey tomorrow - we need to delve deeper into the topic of hope right now, and I know we can learn so much more!

Lee Strobel has already helped millions delve deeper into their faith and investigate the how and the why of what they believe. His cases for a creator, Christ, and faith are air-tight and convincing to even the most stalwart skeptic, which is why The Case for Hope is sure to inspire and ignite hope in the hearts of those who thought they were without it.

Mathew Nix says

As with his other better known books, Strobel's writing talents shine here to make this a very enjoyable read that makes its points with expert craft. Strobel focuses on what Christian hope truly means and why we should have it through various well-defended arguments. This would be a great read for anyone who is doubting hope because of struggles or difficulties. Or, if, like me, you just enjoy reading the works of Strobel, you will find this to be a rewarding and satisfying book that is well worth your time.

Erica says

I was called to pick up this book just when I felt I needed it most. I appreciated the chapter on doubt the most. It is good to know that doubt is a sign of faith, and can be used as a tool to increase in it. I hadn't really noticed John the Baptist's doubt until it was pointed out in this book, along with Jesus's reaction. That story gives me a lot of hope. I also thought the chapter that discussed hope as more than wishful thinking, blind optimism, or hopeful dreams was important to take note of. I enjoyed the examples and differences of each, especially in contrast to our true source of "living hope" in the biblical hope that is found in Jesus Christ. I liked the real life examples that were used in this book as well. I love hearing about how Jesus changes lives. I've been trying to keep my heart open to others in my life, and I've also gotten down about my own doubts for both myself and others. Knowing that doubt can increase faith helps me to rejoice in it, and actively seek answers instead of beating myself up. My husband will be reading this in the near future as well, and we are hoping to do the 30-day hope journal in the back of the book together at the beginning of the year. This book has definitely touched my life, and provided clarity and insight that I didn't have before. A big thank you goes to the author.

Wayne Presnell says

I liked the material, but I felt a lot of it was recycled from his earlier works. Loved the chapter on defeating doubt. Would recommend to someone who hasn't read anything by Lee or is new to Christianity.

Heather G says

Amazing

Lee Steinem breaks it down so well in these books, bringing in a solid, understandable way of looking at scripture.

Melissa Alexander says

Filled with Hope! :)

I really enjoyed this book. It provided me with a lot of reasons for hope and renewed my faith! I liked the chapters explaining why Jesus' resurrection is so important in our hope.

Becky Van Daniker says

We live in a world where heartache and discouragement can create hopelessness. But when we find hope, we can overcome whatever it may be that is troubling us. Lee Strobel explains that real hope is so much more than just wishful thinking, blind optimism, or hopeful dreams. Hope is found in Jesus Christ. This hope gives us an overriding confidence, that no matter what comes our way, God is with us and is greater than any challenge that we may go through.

The Case for Hope is a little more different from his previous books like The Case for Faith. Instead of sharing interviews and outside resources, he sticks mostly with the Bible which is pretty cool!

He explains what hope is and why we can have hope in a hopeless world. He also paints a clear description of the gospel and how it is very possible for the resurrection of Jesus to have occurred. Hope transforms us and gives us hope for today and tomorrow. He talks about hope of heaven and that's there's hope for all of us. Even those of us who we think don't deserve it.

The chapter that stuck out to me the most was about doubt. He explains that not all doubt is a sin. In fact, it's okay to ask questions because it's important to understand why we believe what we believe. He explains what do to with doubt and how to overcome it.

I found the book to be very encouraging. If you're a believer, but aren't sure what you believe anymore or even if you aren't a believer but is curious to know more, then I'd definitely recommend this read.

Lee Strobel also encourages his readers to spending time with God and His word. He concludes the book with a 30-Day journey of hope journal to help you mediate on specific passages of Scripture, allowing God's words of hope to come alive as never before.

Note: I received a copy of this book from the publisher for my honest review, which I have given. I was not required to write a positive review and have not been compensated for it in any way. All opinions expressed are my own.

Caroline says

A book about holding on to hope from "Case for Christ" author Lee Strobel.

Tim Baumgartner says

Lee Strobel has written numerous "The Case for..." books [Christ; Faith; Creator; Grace; the Real Jesus; Miracles; etc.] but for some reason this has been the least talked about. I assumed there was a good reason for that, but as I read it, I didn't think there was any warrant for it. This book, like Strobel's others, was REALLY well written! Not only did it include apologetic [defense-of-the-faith type] material, but it includes VERY practical ideas and resources for REAL HOPE [Included is a 30 Day Journal]!!!

The book starts off dealing with a very common query: wishful thinking, blind optimism, hopeful dreams versus biblical hope. It CLEARLY shows the difference between them all before explaining how to live with hope on a daily basis.

Next, Strobel anchored that hope with the historical events of the resurrection using Gary Habermas and Michael Licona's material [The Minimal Facts argument].

The explanation as to how God gives us the power to live for him both now and in the future followed.

Then, doubt was dealt with by demonstrating how it is okay to do so, and how it can lead to a greater hope and faith after getting answers to the questions we were wondering about. The hope of heaven came after that.

Throughout the book, several case studies were included that provided hope for God's transformation in our lives.

Lastly, the book kept in mind those we might think of as "too far gone" or "they're never going to change" cases by sharing some more examples of people who God worked miraculously through to draw them to Himself.

If you want to grow in confidence and courage through hope, don't overlook this book!!!!!!

Jessica says

Lee Strobel is truly inspiring in this book! If you've never read one of his books before, now is the time, and

I suggest to start with this one. He is great for the analytical mind who wants proof and backup for all points being made. This isn't just his ideas or thoughts, he gives scriptural examples as well as other resources so you can do your own research and come up with your own opinions. Excellent author and I can't wait to read his next book!

Jen says

Such a refreshing read! Well-written and poetic in all the right places. I'm looking forward to reading Strobel's other books, and I've already got a soft spot for him since he used to be a reporter in Chicago. To God be the glory!

Debbie says

"The Case for Hope" is about what we put our hope in, why we can have confident hope in Christ, and how to live that hope out. Due to the title, I expected a bunch of interviews like in his early books ("Case for Christ", "Case for Faith"). While some interviews were worked into the flow, it's more his take on the subject than exploring other people's answers. I thought he did a good, Bible-based job of explaining the hope we can have through Jesus.

He started by explaining the different uses of "hope" in our culture and what biblical hope means--a sure hope, not a please-let-it-be-true hope. He explored why we can have assurance that Jesus was the Son of God and how his death and resurrection provides us with hope. This hope can transform our lives, and our hope can still be sure even in times of doubt. He described various people whose lives have been transformed by knowing Christ, even people who actively rejected Christ. At the end, he provided a 30-day Journal. Each day had a scripture on hope to think about and room underneath to write down your thoughts.

The author did a good job of describing biblical hope, why we can feel confident in it, and how this can change our lives. I'd recommend this book to new Christians or those who feel like they don't have a confident hope in anything.

I received this book as a review copy from the publisher through BookLook.
