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STUDY GUIDE

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Endorsements

Our friend, James Goll, has faced many challenges in recent years. We have watched him not only discover hope but also grow in faith, hope, and love in his arduous journey. May the lessons he has learned grip your heart and inspire you so that you, too, can become a hero of hope in our generation.

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Discovering Hope for Your Life is raw and real life. It is a true-life story of love and loss and regaining hope through it all. Navigating through such suffering and being willing to share with others is a great gift, and James has done an excellent job. Thank you, James, for your transparency and for writing this guide.

Bill & Beni Johnson | bjm.org and benij.org

We're so grateful James took the time to pen this portion of his life's story, one filled with lessons learned from the trenches. May many be strengthened and encouraged so they, too, may be ambassadors of hope.

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The life of our friend, James Goll, is a testimony of God's endless hope. With decades of experience in bringing hope to churches and individuals, James writes from a rich treasury of insight. *Discovering Hope for Your Life* is your opportunity to taste and see how good God's plan is for your life. Read it for the riches it contains and let hope live again inside of your heart!

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Do you need perspective on the trails of life and tools to help you to keep moving forward? I know this man and his life. The wisdom contained in this book will give you hope and be a source of good news to you.

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In *Discovering Hope for Your Life*, you will journey with James Goll as he uses his words to surgically open his own heart to share with you the treasures of life he has gained. This is an essential legacy gift from a true father of the faith.

Mickey Robinson | mickeyrobinson.com

In *Discovering Hope for Your Life*, James intentionally pushes past the boundaries of safe subjects and pat answers and reminds us that hope is both a disposition and a helmet. This guide may be coming into your hands at the very moment you need to secure your helmet. You can trust James. I do.

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James identifies heroes in his own walk through tremendous tragedy. However, I found myself thinking, *James Goll is my hero*. This guide will provide you with the necessary guardrails for finding and staying connected to the goodness of God and a lifeline of hope.

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Discovering Hope for Your Life shines a light through the darkness for those struggling through situations of loss, pain, confusion, and illness. James combines practical wisdom with his own moments of revelation as he passed through the valley of the shadow of death to produce the reality of overcoming faith. If you apply the lessons James learned, I believe you, too, will be numbered among those who overcame by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony.

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Your destiny can be born in life's darkest moments. I know. Like James, my life went into a downward spiral until I discovered the God of hope. This book will feed your soul, and you'll find hope right in front of you.

Danny Gokey | *American Idol* finalist, author of *Hope in Front of Me*

Discovering Hope for Your Life may be the most important guide James Goll has ever written. James is one of the most unique leaders I know. His soul is a deep well. He is a theologian and a man of the Spirit. You will definitely discover hope for your life. Get ready to be strengthened and encouraged in the ways of God.

Brian "Head" Welch | recording artist, author

Do you need hope? Do you need strength? Do you need a song in your heart as you walk through to victory? I have watched James walk through some of the most horrific challenges that one can endure. He knows how to take God's hand through the valley of the shadow of death and come through with hope as his greatest weapon. This guide is for you!

Patricia King | author, minister, television host, patriciaking.com

Jesus said that we are to keep our hands to the plow and keep looking straight ahead. Over the last few years, we have observed this type of lifestyle in our friend James Goll, which gives him the authority to speak on this topic. If you need some lessons in hope and to how rebuild your life, then *Discovering Hope for Your Life* was composed with you in mind.

Henry & Alex Seeley | co-pastors of The Belonging Co., Nashville, TN

Paul tells us in Romans 5 that the road to character involves suffering, but it seems like we are never prepared for the type suffering that comes our way. Everyone can connect to *Discovering Hope for Your Life* and be challenged to respond to the Lord in the way that James Goll has responded. His vulnerability and honesty are both refreshing and helpful!

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The following *Discovering Hope for Your Life Study Guide* is great for individual study in your own home, with a small group, or in a classroom setting. It also serves as part of the Discovering Hope for Your Life class at **God Encounters Ministries**, along with the complementary book, *Tell Your Heart to Sing Again* and 12 Class Sessions taught by James W. Goll. Visit www.GodEncounters.com for more information about this and many other life-changing classes.

At the end of each detailed lesson are simple questions for your reflection and review. In the back of this study guide, you will find the answers to these questions to aid in your learning.

James W. Goll has many other resources available. They may be purchased at www.GodEncounters.com or by calling 1-877-200-1604. For more information, visit our website or email info@godencounters.com.

Dedication

As you read this raw and transparent study guide, you will eventually come to the lesson, “Never, Never, Never Give Up!” For those of you who know my life, history, and stories, you already know what I am referring to. But I will not spoil the story line of the roller coaster ride contained in this book of redemption and the stunning statement concerning the admonition never to quit. But you will understand in due time.

With this backdrop, I dedicate this study guide to my late wife, Michal Ann Goll, and to the ministry she founded, Compassion Acts, that we carry on in her honor to the nations to this day. She has been worshipping unabated in heaven now for several years.

Michal Ann, you gave me hope. You never lost your smile. You were the most Christ-like person I ever knew close up. Yes, I am forever a better man because God sent you, my all-American girl, into my life.

We will meet again at the waterside.

Acknowledgments

Years ago, I was taught to pray for three things on a regular basis: to ask God for the release of the fullness of the fruit of the Holy Spirit in order to have character to carry the gifts he gives; to pray for the fullness of the power of the Holy Spirit to release something that lasts beyond simply man's efforts; to pray for the wisdom ways of God in every facet of church and kingdom life.

Perhaps this study guide you hold in your hands goes more into this third category of prayer for the wisdom ways of God in every facet of life. I never dreamed I'd walk through the valley of the shadow of death. For me, Psalm 23 is a psalm for the living. The book of Psalms has been my guiding light for many years...and the book of Proverbs...and the book of John... and the book of... Well, I'm sure you get the picture.

So, I want to give credit where credit is due—to all the writers of the sixty-six very diverse books of the Holy Bible. In doing so, I wish to honor God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—the Three in One.

The Bible has been my mainstay. My Bible is my close friend. The ultimate Author of this unique Holy Book is the One who gives me life, hope, and resiliency to keep on bouncing back. Thank you, God, for the Bible. Thank you, God, for abounding in hope! Thank you, Papa God, for another opportunity to discover hope for my own personal life and share that with others.

With Gratitude,
James W. Goll

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Introduction:

Has Hardship Ever Struck Your House?

“The Long and Winding Road” was a popular hit song years ago. I loved the haunting melody, but as a disciple in Jesus, I was sure that my path would be smooth and easy. Was I ever wrong! My life has not circled a cul-de-sac, but it seems to have steered off the primary highway and onto a trail leading to who knows where. It was a road I was unfamiliar with and one that I was not expecting. Twelve or more years were filled with winding roads and an unfair share of trauma along the way. My heart became dead. Well, at least part of it. As a result, I decided to make lemonade out of lemons as I went on an intentional journey to discover what it would take to revive my own heart and soul. I did not pick this subject. I would never have picked it. If it had been up to me, I would have run a hundred miles in the opposite direction. But in the providence of God, I think this topic has chosen me. I now realize that God has called me to be an ambassador of hope and to call others into this resilient, bounce-back-kid lifestyle.

If any of us is ever going to look for hope, we must have a reason for needing it. Most of the time, that reason involves some hardship that is almost more than we can bear. Although I hope that hardships have not struck your house, I suspect they have in one form or another. Now, you may need to discover hope for your life too.

By “hardships,” I am not referring only to car accidents or natural disasters; I am thinking of just about any kind of significant loss that can cause trauma or anguish to a person. You might deem your own life events as calamities, misfortunes, catastrophes, heartbreaks, adversities, tribulations, distresses, hardships, privations, miseries, troubles, conflicts, griefs, sorrows, sufferings, pain, or just plain hard times. Everybody is different, and what would seem like a loss of hope to one person would be easy for someone else.

The difficulty often strikes abruptly. You lose your job. Your friend rejects you. Your spouse or even your beloved pet dies. You send off your precious son or daughter into military service in a war zone. Your church falls apart. Your spouse serves you divorce papers. The economy nose-dives and takes your savings with it. (How did the economic downturn of 2008 affect you? It created some real tragedy for some of my friends.)

Hard times reduce you to your elemental self. You often feel weak. Temptations might assail you, especially the temptation to despair. Joy appears to vanish, and the air around you seems heavy. *Woe* becomes part of your vocabulary, and the grass looks greener just about everywhere except where you are standing (or are curled up in the fetal position). You find it hard

to get back up on your feet again every time you get knocked down, let alone to keep on walking forward.

BOTH SIDES NOW

“Both Sides Now” is the name of a folk song from the ’60s, and it captures a truth. I can look at life from both sides, which I previously could not do. I have experienced both heaven-sent highs and the bleakest lows—sometimes in the same day. And, firsthand, I have learned some things about God that I did not know before. I have experientially learned that God is the author of hope. God abounds in hope, and he wants to restore the song of your heart. Yes, your heart can beat again!

I have learned that it is okay to be real. Raw reality is better than any mask, especially the pat answers and sugary smiles of religion, which ignore the fact that you may be bleeding to death inside. You will never be healed until you admit that you are sick!

I have learned to live life in the light of eternity, and I can identify with my namesake, James, when he says that life is but a “vapor” (James 4:14 NKJV). That does not mean I am living some kind of pie-in-the-sky existence. It just means that I get it now. I get it. I know both sides of the stormy clouds now, and I know that my faithful, hope-imparting God holds me in his strong hands day and night. I have found that he is bigger than any hardship you or I can cook up in our worst nightmares. He can handle anything, and joy does come in the morning (Psalm 30:5 NKJV). Now I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that:

Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and [we can] rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (Romans 5:1–5 NKJV)

I can look at the storm clouds from both sides now, and I can look at life from both sides of the pulpit. I have been a full-time vocational minister now for over forty-five years. I have prayed for people; I have counseled people. I have learned many of the promises that are in the Bible, and I have tried to live up to its character values. But some things I never understood until I went through more than twelve years of what could be considered ongoing trauma. My yardstick of judgment was tossed out the window. Now I understand some things about human frailty. I know what the driving force of pain can make a

person do, even though it does not give anyone a license to sin. I did not enjoy the experience of my life spiraling out of control, and I do not like pain any more than the next person—but now I appreciate what God can do with it. I never knew. Now I know.

In the pages that follow, allow me to give you a guided tour of my own triumph in the midst of a roller coaster ride in life. If I can learn new things about God's nature and tell my heart to sing again, then I think you are a great candidate as well. I hope to show you how to discover hope for your journey. I promise to be real because this is not going to touch your heart unless I share from mine.

Are you ready? Here we go onto the path less traveled!

Lesson One:

When the Bottom Falls Out

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life.”
—Proverbs 13:12

I was showering after working out at the YMCA one day when I noticed a little nodule. I thought, *Well, that’s weird. Never noticed that before. What’s that?* I wasn’t exactly afraid, but it concerned me enough to make me go to the doctor. And that took me on a completely unexpected and unasked-for journey.

A stern oncologist did an initial bone marrow exam. The doctor’s bedside manner did nothing to soften the impact of either the test or the results. I was so unprepared for this to be serious. They did not even take me to another room. They just brought this machine in and started the test. I am sure they anesthetized me, but frankly I have no recollection of the whole thing. I do remember being scantily clothed (which makes you feel even more vulnerable) and this machine making a buzzing noise. Next thing I know, I am being told that I have something called non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma—cancer.

I. THE BATTLE OF THE TWO “BIG C’S”

A. The Challenge Between the Big C’s

1. Often the Big C is something called Cancer
2. But the Big C is Christ. Every name must bow before the one name: Christ Jesus the Lord.

B. A Warning Dream Beforehand

God forewarned me that a serious confrontation was coming in a dream: “Your enemies shall be like grasshoppers in your sight.”

C. A Veiled Word

The Holy Spirit spoke to me to make room in the month of October for a Surprise. Well, it came in the package of a man whose name literally was Surprise! When he prayed for me, a penetrating fire of God’s love went into my blood stream resulting in an amazing breakthrough that went beyond what the radiation treatments could do.

D. Riding the Roller Coaster of Life

Celebrating victory on the “roller coaster” ride of life.

II. WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?

A. The Little “c” Returned!

Lymphoma cancer returned with a vengeance. The second round of activity began with relentless pressure.

B. So Many Questions Came

Therapies, prayers, and so many questions resulted. Now what do I do with all of this new information? How do I not be overwhelmed?

C. Submitting to the Process

Natural and Supernatural ways of God seemed in contrast and opposition to one another. I felt half-beaten into submission!

III. ROUND THREE

A. What? It Now Hits My Wife

Michal Ann’s turn—aggressive cancer suddenly raged in her life.

B. New Life in the Midst of Trials

Compassion Acts was added to Encounters Network, and Women on the Frontlines found a fresh life.

C. Polar Opposites Existed: Smiles and Many Tears

Positive smiles and tremendous service to God came through many shed tears. Torn between two worlds of the temporal and the eternal.

D. A Long and Hard Four-Year Goodbye

It became a slow and yet long, relentless four-year goodbye to the love of my life. But she departed knowing her prayers for me had been answered! Saying goodbye is not an easy thing to do.

IV. THE LOSS OF MY COMPANION

A. The Day of Infamy

September 15, 2008 – “A lady knows when to leave.”

B. The Contrast of Emotions

Great joys; great griefs; great relief; and a great, big dependency on God. Are you really a good Father or not?

C. The Problem in Living a Transparent Life

I have never been good at putting on surface level band-aids to heal a deep affliction. Another test came. How do I walk this trauma out living a life in the public arena?

D. Now What?

Yes, everything changed! Me, a widower? Me, a single parent? Me, in debt? Me, alone? Where did my partner go?

V. THE PUBLIC GOLDFISH BOWL

A. My Life on Public Display

Pain, sorrow, anguish and grief—all on public display. God have mercy on me and God have mercy on those around me.

B. Job's Friends Are Still Alive Today!

They seemed to come out of the woodwork—Job's fake comforters. They seemed to surround me like buzzing bees. How was I to respond?

C. A Black Financial Hole

A combined loss of both 70% of financial support in ministry donors and also resource sales compounded for an unexpected additional trial. How much can one guy take?

D. Steps of Grief

How many stages are there anyway? I was staggering through the steps of grief feeling it would never end. At times it seemed the hole was deeper than a counselor or book ever portrayed.

VI. I HAVE WHAT? AGAIN?

A. The Third Time Is Not a Charm!

In 2009, cancer returns for a third time. Yes, one year after Michal Ann departed, the cancer came raging back. Is it really a little "c"?

B. Finding My Helmet of Hope

1. 1 Thessalonians 5:8 – *"Let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation."*
2. Ephesians 6:10-13 – *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm."*

C. What Is Hope?

“Cherishing a desire with an expectation of fulfillment” (Webster). Hope is a confident anticipation of good, not just wishful thinking or thinking positively or saying, “Well, I hope so.”

D. Hope Is Solid as a Helmet!

But no helmet will protect you from danger if you have laid it aside. You must put it on every day!

E. Reaching Deeper into God’s Reserves

How do you discover true hope when what you have had seems to have been crushed? When you become empty of your own reserves—you must learn to reach deep into God’s limitless resources.

VII. HOPE DEFERRED

A. Lessons from Proverbs 13:12

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life.”

B. What Is Hope Deferred?

Hope deferred means that your hope has been postponed or delayed; something expected to happen does not happen or does not happen as you thought it would.

C. Results of Deferred Hope

It not only makes the heart sick, but it often leaves effects on the body and mind too.

D. God’s Hope Restored!

God’s hope is not just mental gymnastics. It is a life-giving thing; it is a heart thing. God’s hope restores your mental and emotional capacity.

VIII. THE BATTLE OF THE HEART

A. Valuing the Voice of Your Heart

Learn to understand your heart—your spirit.

B. Three Typical Responses

There are three typical reactions to pain or rejection that deaden our hearts:

1. We move away from people and God and isolate ourselves.
2. We move toward some other source of relief or acceptance.
3. We move against others, blaming them and God for our pain.

C. The Way of Life

The only way to enjoy life, God, and other people is to keep your heart pumping—even when it hurts to do so.

IX. WHAT ARE MY CORE VALUES?

A. Starting Over

Start over again, regardless of how well or how poorly you may have been doing before. There is always an opportunity in God's Heart for a re-start in life.

B. Living Life from Core Values

1. God is good all the time. He does not make mistakes. He loves everybody. He knows what He is doing.
2. Romans 8:28 – *"All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."* (NKJV)
3. Something good is just about to happen.

Do you have Core Values? What are yours? It is imperative to discover your core values in these kinds of times.

C. Hope Is on the Way

With God, hope is on the way. Only God can bring light into the dark night of the soul. But God truly has a way that supersedes the ways of man.

X. HERO OF HOPE—JOB

A. My New-Found Friend

Job kept walking in his integrity, even when he lost everything and everybody. It takes a hero to do that. He didn't really understand God's character until later, but Job kept believing in his God.

B. The Pivot Point of Job's Storyline

Instead of disputing with his friends, he prayed for them, and then good things began to happen again (Job 42:8, 10). Job blessed those who did not understand his journey.

C. Gaining Redemptive Interpretation

Like Job, we must learn to "redemptively interpret" all the people who wanted to fix us. So, for me today, Job is a member of my Hall of Heroes of Hope!

XI. PRAYER TIME—LET’S PRAY TOGETHER

Father, I present myself to You in Jesus’ great name, and I declare that You are the source of my life. In You I live and breathe and have my very being. Take me on a journey to a place where hope is no longer deferred, but where fulfilled desire becomes a tree of life. As I come running into Your arms of redemptive love, do what only You can do. Only in You can all things be made new. Amen!

Reflection Questions

Lesson One: When the Bottom Falls Out

Answers to these questions can be found in the back of the study guide.

Fill in the Blank

1. Hope is a _____ anticipation of _____, not just wishful or positive thinking.
2. God's hope restores your _____ and _____ capacity.
3. Job kept walking in his _____, even when he lost everything and everybody.

Multiple Choice — Choose the best answer from the list below:

- A. Job
 - B. Peter
 - C. Positive Thinking
 - D. Something good is just about to happen.
-
4. Who is the hero of hope who prayed for his friends instead of disputing with them? _____
 5. What does James list as one of his core values? _____

Continued on the next page.

True or False

6. Hope is defined as positive thinking. _____
7. Hope deferred means that your hope has been postponed or delayed; something expected to happen does not happen or does not happen as anticipated. _____
8. Scripture tells us to put on as a helmet, the “hope of salvation.” _____

Scripture Memorization

9. Write out Proverbs 13:12 and memorize it.
10. Prayerfully ask the Lord about your core values and journal about them below.

Answers to the Reflection Questions

Lesson One: When the Bottom Falls Out

1. Confident; Good
2. Mental; Emotional
3. Integrity
4. A
5. D
6. False
7. True
8. True

Lesson Two: Anybody Got a Road Map?

1. Word; God; Change; Eternal
2. Biblical; Refuge
3. First
4. A
5. C
6. True
7. True
8. False

Lesson Three: Catching the Little Foxes

1. Truth; Free
2. Foxes; Thoughts
3. Restoration; Hope
4. B
5. D
6. True
7. False
8. True

Lesson Four: Dusting Off Fatigue and Weariness

1. Armor; Stand; Schemes
2. Strength
3. Endurance
4. D
5. A
6. False
7. True
8. False

Lesson Five: Metamorphosis: The Process of Change

1. Bridge; Theme; Next
2. 8; Transition
3. Pressures; Enlargement
4. C
5. D
6. True
7. True
8. True

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Additional Resources by James W. Goll

(Many of these books feature a corresponding class and study guide and taught by James W. Goll, available at www.GodEncounters.com.)

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Angelic Encounters (with Michal Ann Goll)

The Call to the Elijah Revolution (with Lou Engle)

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The Discerner

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The Seer

Strike the Mark

Shifting Shadows of Supernatural Experiences (with Julia Loren)

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Women on the Frontlines series: *A Call to Compassion*, *A Call to Courage*, and *A Call to the Secret Place* (Michal Ann Goll with James W. Goll)



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with James W. Goll



God Encounters Ministries started around twenty-five years ago in Missouri, originally called Ministry to the Nations. It was a natural - supernatural overflow of the relationship that James and Michal Ann Goll had with Jesus and each other. After moving to the Nashville, TN area in 1996, the ministry was renamed Encounters Network. Through the years the heart and core values of the ministry have remained exactly the same!

Now we are reaching more people than ever with the gospel of Jesus, teaching and imparting the power of prophetic ministry, intercession and life in the Spirit. We believe that God Encounters are for everyone! So visit our website and deepen your walk with God today!

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- ¹ You can read Mickey Robinson's gripping story in his book, *Falling Into Heaven: A Skydiver's Gripping Account of Heaven, Healings, and Miracles*.
- ² The hardships and adventures of Jackie Pullinger are recounted in two books titled, *Chasing the Dragon* and *Crack in the Wall*.
- ³ Nick Vujicic, *Life Without Limits: Inspiration for a Ridiculously Good Life* (Colorado Springs: Waterbrook, 2010), vii.
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