

HOPE AFTER CHILD LOSS

A Gentle Return to Possibility

Memory • Tenderness • Support • Hope

Hope does not replace
your child. It simply
makes room for life to
hold more than pain.



After child loss, hope can feel far away, unfamiliar, or even disloyal. But hope does not mean forgetting, “moving on,” or leaving your child behind. It can be the smallest willingness to breathe, accept support, notice beauty, or imagine one gentle moment ahead.

Hope can grow beside grief.

It does not ask you to love or remember your child any less.

1 WHAT HOPE IS NOT

- It is not forgetting your child.
- It is not being “over” your grief.
- It is not a demand to feel positive.
- It is not a replacement for the love you carry.

2 WHAT HOPE CAN LOOK LIKE

- Getting through one difficult morning.
- Accepting a call, meal, or helping hand.
- Noticing a sunrise, song, or small comfort.
- Allowing yourself one peaceful breath.

3 WHEN HOPE FEELS HARD

- It may feel frightening or unfamiliar.
- You may worry that hope means letting go.
- You may feel guilt when you laugh or smile.
- These feelings are understandable and common.

4 MAKING ROOM FOR IT

- Take one small step instead of a big plan.
- Let joy visit without judging it.
- Create routines that support your body and heart.
- Choose one thing that brings gentle comfort.

5 WHEN YOU NEED WORDS

- “I can miss my child and still live.”
- “Hope does not erase my love.”
- “I am allowed one gentle moment today.”
- “I do not have to hurry my healing.”

6 SUPPORT & CONNECTION

- Let someone know when you need support.
- Connect with other bereaved parents.
- Consider a group, counselor, or faith support.
- You do not have to find hope alone.

7 CARING FOR YOURSELF

- Rest from pressure to “be okay.”
- Breathe, eat, hydrate, and step outside.
- Allow tears and laughter to both have room.
- Be patient with your heart.

8 HOPE FOR TOMORROW

- Hope can grow slowly and quietly.
- Your child remains part of your life.
- New meaning does not replace old love.
- You are allowed to live with love beside you.



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