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But sometimes, we go through seasons where we cannot see God moving in our lives. As a result, we lose hope, and our faith suffers. When we lose hope, we withdraw from God’s presence, as well as the presence of others. Our love for others dwindles away. We live in the dark, merely surviving alone in fear and shame. Step 2 is about hope, and recovering the hope that God will act in our lives.

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