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A fellow walked out of an such a great find.

Even a broken clock is right twice a day, so the saying goes

the shop and onto the side-cally. walk when an old drunk concrete.

fellow said angrily.

else?" the old drunk asked.

Time tends to be very important to us on this side of We have them on our arms, Hezekiah. antique shop carrying a big on our walls, on our kitchen The fellow made it out of that don't change automati- years to his life.

bumped into him, knocking chore, especially with those to ask for proof that the Lord the clock out of his hands. dashboard clocks. I always had answered his prayer. I It broke all to pieces on the struggle to remember which find it even more fascinating had to happen in the heavens buttons to push and which that the Lord, in his great pa-"Look what you did," the dial to turn when it comes tience, provided that proof. time to spring forward or "Why don't you just wear fall back. I always feel a great was with Hezekiah at the a wristwatch like everyone sense of accomplishment time, offered a time change when I, through much trial and error, finally get done.

eternity. We keep our watch- the time that the Lord set 10 degrees or back 10 dees and clocks handy so we'll back the clock - well, it was grees? always know the time of day. actually a sundial – for King

Hezekiah was ill and dying, grandfather clock he'd just ranges, on our night stands, and he prayed for healing. purchased. He had always in our offices, on our vehicle The Bible tells us he turned 10 degrees. So, that's what that there's nothing our Lord wanted one and was happy dashboards. Then, twice a his face to a wall and wept as he asked for. to shell out big bucks for year, we have to change all he prayed. God heard Hezethose clocks, at least those kiah's prayer and added 15

That can be quite the Hezekiah had the audacity

as the proof. He asked Hezekiah whether he'd rather the Perhaps you remember Lord set the sundial forward

"And Isaiah the prophet brought the shadow 10 de- rogeralford1@gmail.com.

I find it fascinating that grees backward" (2 Kings 20:11).

That was an incredible miracle. Think about what to make it happen. People have questioned for years The prophet Isaiah, who how the Lord pulled that off. I'm glad for folks who don't worry about the "how" but instead just marvel that He "did" it.

There are times when we, like the old drunk who thought the fellow was car-Hezekiah thought about rying around a grandfather this for a moment and de- clock so he'd know the time, cided it would be a lot more can miss the obvious. And, difficult to set a sundial back in this case, the obvious is can't do.

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Kitchen Diva by Angela Shelf Medearis A World of Peas

While we are one big United States, the vastness and diversity of our country is most obvious in the food we eat. While we all salute the same flag, when it comes to food, we form smaller, ferociously loyal groups. Our culinary inheritance was granted to us by the distinct land that each of us calls home, and pounds) the place where we took our first bites.

even centuries, sustained a whole line of Pilgrims age black-eyed peas or crowder peas, thawed -- that someone from Colorado wouldnOt consider eating. Historically, there were many good reasons es) frozen corn, thawed

Today, there are even more reasons to appreciate frozen lima beans, thawed the different foods that are common to our particular part of the continent. Thanks to the farm-to-table movement, we are all coming to understand the true value of eating local, and cooking with what is avail- 1/3 cup ketchup able in our area.

If you are a Southerner, you've probably had more 1 1/2 teaspoons salt than one bowl of Purple Hull peas. They are a cultivar of a bigger family of Southern peas, or cow peas. Most people have heard of its more popular cousin, the black-eyed pea, even if they've never spent New 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper or several dashes Year's Day boiling up a pot flavored with a smoked of hot sauce, to taste ham hock. In the South, we also enjoy crowder peas, cream peas and the more exotic pink-eye. Many times, 1 cup sliced fresh or frozen, cut okra

people from this region refer to the whole lot of them as Opeas,O which someone from the North would strongly disagree with.

It's all a little confusing, with so many similar types that are each slightly different from the other. Especially since all of them are not really peas by botanical definition, but beans.

as a meatless source of protein and daily fiber.

here from Africa and planted by plantation and farm utes longer. Discard bay leaf before serving. Serves owners as food for livestock. That's how black-eyed 12-16. peas became known as cow peas.

that only Southerners truly understand. But in deep summer, all of these types of peas are available. Peas are so popular that there are festivals celebrating the harvest all over the South.

As with so many foods, though, what was once scorned is now craved. Folks who've grown up eating them covet fresh peas, which cook up in no time. But if you can't get fresh, then use the ones in the frozen vegetable section of your grocery. Whether fresh or

frozen, they'll be delicious in my recipe for Southern Succotash.

SOUTHERN SUCCOTASH

This the perfect recipe to prepare in a slow-cooker! I love the addition of fresh or frozen okra at the end of the cooking time. If using fresh okra, donOt cut the pods until right before adding them to the pot to prevent them from becoming slimy.

1 smoked ham hock (about 1 1/2 pounds) or 1 package of smoked turkey wings (about 1 1/2

1 1/2 cups water or low-sodium chicken broth There are certain foods that are native to a New 1 can (28-ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained Englander's dinner table -- food that for decades, 2 cups fresh black-eyed peas or 1 (16-ounce) pack-2 cups fresh corn kernels or 1 package (10 ounc-

1 1/2 cups fresh lima beans, shelled or 1 1/2 cups

1 medium green pepper, seeded and chopped

1 medium onion, chopped

3 celery ribs, chopped

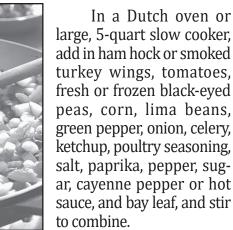
2 tablespoons poultry seasoning

1 teaspoon paprika

1 teaspoon black pepper 1 teaspoon sugar, stevia or honey

In a Dutch oven or

1 bay leaf



to combine. If using a Dutch oven, Peas also possess all the wonderful qualities of beans bring mixture to boil and immediately turn heat down to a simmer. Simmer, uncovered, for 45 min-It is believed that Southern peas were brought utes. Add okra and simmer, uncovered, for 15 min-

If using a slow cooker, cover and cook the mixture Peas often are a confusing category of varieties on HIGH for 4 to 6 hours. Add in the okra and cook on HIGH for another 20 minutes. Discard bay leaf before serving. Serves 12-16.

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Our Blessed Hope Wednesday, July 7th, 2021 Message

Bro. Warren Rogers, Retired Baptist Minister

A Living Hope

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: ⁷That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 8Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: ⁹Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:1-9

Faith and hope are closely linked together. Faith has work to perform and hope cheers faith along the way.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17 "And patience, experience; and experience, hope." Romans 5:4

You don't use the word hope to be something you know you already are such as, I hope I'm a Christian, I hope I'm an American, I hope I'm go-

ing to Heaven. Read 2 Timothy 1:12

ree classes of hope:

#1 No hope -- Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh . . . having no hope, and without God in the world. Ephesians 2:11-12 Paul is trying to explain to the Gentiles about their past. Sadly, there are those today without hope.

#2 False hope -- "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?" Matthew 7:21-22

There are more people living with false hope than no hope. False hope is worse than no hope at all. Remember the story about building your house upon the sand. People find their hope was vanity when troubles arise. False hope is not built on a firm foundation.

Examples of false hope:

<u>Drunkard</u> who thinks he can quit anytime, dope addict who thinks he can escape his problems by getting high, church member who thinks baptism, membership, or deeds is all that is necessary to escape hell, those that believe in religions without Christ, those that believe in a second chance beyond this life, those that believe if they marry an infidel, they can lead them to Christ, -all these have false hope.

#3 True hope -- "That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: ¹⁹Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; ²⁰Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus." Hebrews 6:18-20 True hope can only be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Sav-

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus ^{2:13} "I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope." Psalm ^{130:5}

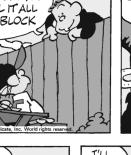
Do you have this hope? I surely hope and pray that you do, but if you find yourself without hope or have false hope, call me (606-481-0444). I would love to talk with you. Until next week, may the Lord bless and keep you! I am available to supply preach or sing.

Bro. Warren Rogers, Baptist preacher













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