

**Summer at Epic - Part 7 - Patience in the Chaos**  
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<sup>1</sup>O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way? <sup>2</sup>How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand? – Psalm 13:1-2

## **Lies We Believe in the Chaos**

- I'll never be **HAPPY** again.
- Nothing **GOOD** can come from this.
- There's no reason to keep **FIGHTING**.

## **Jesus and John the Baptist**

<sup>2</sup> John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, <sup>3</sup>“Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?” – Matthew 11:2-3

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he left Judea and returned to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He went first to Nazareth, then left there and moved to Capernaum, beside the Sea of Galilee...  
– Matthew 4:12-13

<sup>4</sup> Jesus told them, “Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen—<sup>5</sup> the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor. – Matthew 11:4-5

And tell him, “God blesses those who do not turn away because of me.” Matthew 11:6

- Trust in God's **PRESENCE** when he seems **APATHETIC**.

## **Jesus and Lazarus**

A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha.  
– John 11:1

<sup>5</sup> So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> he stayed where he was for the next two days  
– John 11:5-6

- Trust in God's **TIMING** when he seems **ABSENT**.

## Truth in the Chaos

- I can find JOY again.
- Something of VALUE can come from this.
- There is PURPOSE in the pain.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

– Psalm 27:14