



Day 4

Psalm 130

Psalm 130 doesn't start in a peaceful place. It starts "out of the depths" (v.1). This is the cry of someone who feels like they are drowning—with guilt, grief, fear, or delay. If that is you, you are not disqualified from waiting on God; you are the exact kind of person this psalm is written for.

The psalmist waits with honesty. He doesn't pretend everything is fine. He cries for mercy, acknowledging that if God marked iniquities, no one could stand (v.3). Waiting on God begins with coming into the light—confessing, not covering.

He also waits with hope. "I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope" (v.5). Notice: his hope is not in a particular outcome, but in God's Word. Your circumstances may not make sense, but God's promises are unshakable. While you wait, cling to what God has said, not what you feel.

Then comes the picture: "more than watchmen for the morning" (v.6). A watchman cannot make the sun rise faster, but he is absolutely sure it's coming. That is what waiting in faith looks like: Uncertain of the how, when, and why, but certain that God will hear and answer.

You may be in the depths, but God is not. His Word is true and reliable. What will you rely on when you're in the depths?

Pray: "Lord, out of my depths I cry to You. Help me to wait like a watchman—eyes fixed on Your Word, confident that Your mercy will dawn."