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Psalms 130:1-6 Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is **forgiveness**, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. **I wait** for the Lord, my **whole being waits**, and in **his word** I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than **watchmen wait for the morning**, more than watchmen wait for the morning

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✓ Focus on His _____.

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