

## A Long Obedience in the Same Direction

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*“Living with Hope instead of Fear”*

### Psalm 130 (NASB)

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord,  
Lord hear my voice!

Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.  
If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with You,  
That You may be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait,  
And in His word do I hope.  
My soul waits for the Lord more than the watchmen for the  
morning;  
Indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning.  
O Israel, hope in the Lord;  
For with the Lord there is lovingkindness,  
And with Him is abundant redemption.  
And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

This Psalm can be broken down into two major portions:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

This psalm begins in Pain:

*“Out of the depths I have cried to You O Lord.”*

*“For when we are in great or chronic physical pain we are indifferent to all other troubles: all we are concerned about is recovering. In the same way, great spiritual suffering makes us insensible to physical pain, we despise it: indeed, if it should come to outweigh the other it becomes a beneficial distraction, an interval in spiritual suffering.”*

Arthur Schopenhauer, *On the Suffering of the World*

What kinds of pain are you carrying with you today?

*“For thus say the high and exalted One who lives forever, whose name is Holy, “I dwell on a high and holy place, **and also** with the contrite and lowly of spirit in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.”*

Isaiah 57:17 (NASB)

We have \_\_\_\_\_ that God hears our \_\_\_\_\_ so that He may actualize our \_\_\_\_\_ to help increase our \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”*

Hebrews 11:1 (NASB)

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”*

1 Peter 1:3 (NASB)