



Psalm 131 A Trusting Child

¹ My heart is not proud, LORD, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me.

² But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content. ³ Israel, put your hope in the LORD both now and forevermore. (NIV)

Acceptance

¹ My heart is not proud, LORD, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me. Psalm 131:1

About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" ² Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. ³ Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. ⁴ So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 18:1-4 (NLT)

Contentment

² But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content. Psalm 131:2 (NIV)

...I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:11b-13 (NIV)

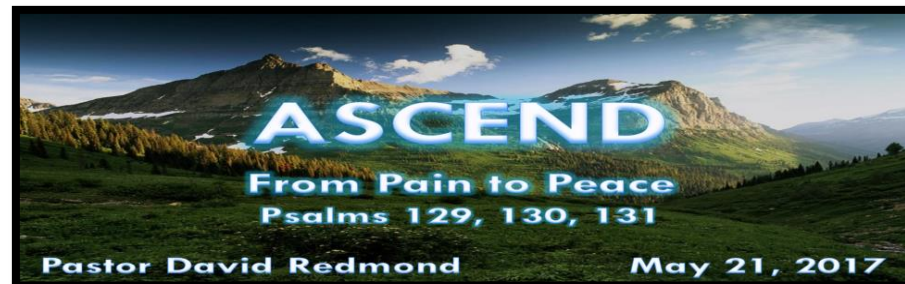
Hope (vs. 3)

... put your hope in the LORD both now and forevermore. Psalm 131:3

I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope. Psalm 130:5 (NIV)

God Never F_____.

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If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. Psalm 130:3-4 (NIV)

These Psalms chart a course through the experience of suffering in our lives. Each Psalm presents a vivid picture that demonstrates how to move from the reality of a painful situation into experiencing the peace that comes from God.



Psalm 129 A Painful Experience

¹ "They have greatly oppressed me from my youth," let Israel say; ² "they have greatly oppressed me from my youth, but they have not gained the victory over me. ³ Plowmen have plowed my back and made their furrows long. ⁴ But the LORD is righteous; he has cut me free from the cords of the wicked." ⁵ May all who hate Zion be turned back in shame. ⁶ May they be like grass on the roof, which withers before it can grow; ⁷ a reaper cannot fill his hands with it, nor one who gather fill his arms. ⁸ May those who pass by not say to them, "The blessing of the LORD be on you; we bless you in the name of the LORD." (NIV)

Life _____ (vs. 1-3)

"Whereas most nations tend to look back on what they have achieved, Israel reflects here on what she has survived. It could be a disheartening exercise, for Zion still has its ill-wishers. But the singers take courage from the past, facing God with gratitude and their enemies with defiance." (Derek Kidner)

_____ **is** _____.

²“they have greatly oppressed me from my youth, but they have not gained the victory over me. - ⁴But the LORD is righteous; he has cut me free from the cords of the wicked.”
Psalm 129:2, 4 (NIV)

God Never

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You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. Genesis 50:20 (NIV)



Psalm 130 A Desperate Cry

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; ²Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. ³If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? ⁴But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. ⁵I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. ⁶I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. ⁷Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. ⁸He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins. (NIV)

My pain will cause me to cry out to
_____ **or** _____. (vs. 1-3)

Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; ²Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. Psalm 130:1-2 (NIV)

“Mental pain is less dramatic than physical pain, but it is more common and also more hard to bear. The frequent attempt to conceal mental pain increases the burden: it is easier to say “My tooth is aching” than to say “My heart is broken.”

C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

Casting all your cares [all your anxieties, all your worries, and all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares about you [with deepest affection, and watches over you very carefully]. ⁸Be sober [well balanced and self-disciplined], be alert and cautious at all times. That enemy of yours, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion [fiercely hungry], seeking someone to devour.
I Peter 5:7-8 (AMP)

Forgiveness is _____;
Healing is a _____.

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope. Psalm 130:4, 5 (NIV)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
Romans 8:1 (NIV)

There is a difference between _____
forgiven, and _____ **forgiven. (Vs. 6-7)**

⁶I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. ⁷Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

Psalm 130: 6, 7 (NIV)

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He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins. Psalm 130:8 (NIV)

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. ¹²As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. ¹³Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD as compassion on those who fear Him. ¹⁴For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.
Psalm 103:11-14 (NIV)