



# THE LOST ART OF *Waiting*

WAITING IN THE DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL

MARCH 9

PSALM 88

*O LORD, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my cry.*

Psalm 88:1-2 (NKJV)

1. Amidst spiritual darkness absent of hope, Psalm 88 is \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ because of its raw honesty and vulnerability before a holy God.
2. In the dark night of the soul, a church rooted in Christ must:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ that the God we know also understands the most profound suffering in life. (vv. 1-2).
  - b. Offer \_\_\_\_\_ when a Psalm 88 crisis of faith occurs. (vv. 3-4)
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ when the most desperate cries and harshest accusations are voiced by the human heart. (vv. 5-9)
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ to sit with faith's hardest and messiest questions. (vv. 10-14)
  - e. Not be \_\_\_\_\_ with silence, waiting, or unanswered prayer. (vv. 15-16)
  - f. Find \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the truth that God is not after what we are after, and that His timeline is not our timeline. (vv. 17-18)

*And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

2 Co. 12:9-10 (NKJV)