

SERIES TITLE: **SURVIVAL SONGS**

PART SEVEN: **SURVIVING THE WAIT**

TEXT: **PSALM 130**

INTRODUCTION.

This series focuses on seven songs from the Hymnal of Scripture—the Psalms. This collection was written and compiled over a period of perhaps 1,000 years. King David wrote 75 of the Psalms. Asaph and the sons of Korah were also major contributors, while Solomon, Moses, Heman, and Ethan are also named. In 48 cases, the author is not identified. The seven psalms in this study have a survival theme. In each one, the human author expresses some desperate longing or need. We can identify with these feelings of abandonment, fear, guilt, and distress. These honest songs have much to teach us about how God works during such times.

DISCUSSION.

What are some significant things you have had to wait for in your life? Did the delay teach you anything?

EXAMINATION.

Vv.1-2 Based just on these two verses, how would you describe the psalmist's emotions?

Vv.3-4 Is the psalmist saying that God does not keep track of sin? Why or why not?

While God's forgiveness is affirmed, why would that produce fear?

Vv.5-6 What does it mean to wait for the LORD?

What does it mean for your soul to wait?

Vv.7-8 Why does the psalmist switch from the personal (my and I) to the national (Israel)?

How did God deal with the iniquity of Israel at that time?

APPLICATION.

- Do you think desperation over your sin, and the confession of it is something that should lessen over time, increase over time, or stay the same? Why?

- How is the forgiveness that comes through the sacrifice of Christ, superior to the forgiveness experienced in the Old Testament?
- What are you longing and waiting for God to do?
- What needs to change so that you can survive the frustration of waiting?
- What part of God's promised final redemption is most exciting to you and why?
- FACT: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- REACT: What did you feel?
- ACT: What are you going to do?