

## THE WAITING PLACE

PSALM 130

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**PRAYER** - O Lord we wait on Thee. We wait on Thee O Lord to reveal Yourself. Come into our presence and to appear before us in your Word and in Your Sacrament. We wait on Thee for every breath. Only give us the strength to continue to wait on Thee that we would not fall away in disbelief or doubt. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.

**Q: When you think of a waiting place, what images come to mind for you?**

**Q: Is the Waiting Place a Useless place?**

**There are many Waiting Places throughout the Bible:**

For Job, the waiting place is a place of \_\_\_\_\_.

For Elijah, the waiting place is a \_\_\_\_\_.

For Mary and Martha, the waiting place is a \_\_\_\_\_.

For Joseph, the waiting place is in \_\_\_\_\_.

For Paul, the waiting place is a \_\_\_\_\_.

For the Disciples the waiting place is a \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Waiting Place can be a place of \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of despair!**

**Job 42:5** - *I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;*

**1 Kings 19:12-13** - *And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"*

**Genesis 45:4-5** - *So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.*

**Philippians 1:12-13** - *I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.*

**The Waiting Place can be many places but what they share in common is what or who they are waiting for.**

**Romans 8:19-21** - *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

**Psalms 130:5-7** - *I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.*

**The Waiting Place for the Disciples – Acts 1:4-22**

**They \_\_\_\_\_ .. Acts 1:4** - *And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me;*

**They \_\_\_\_\_ .. Acts 1:13** - *And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.*

**They \_\_\_\_\_ .. Acts 1:14** - *All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.*

**They \_\_\_\_\_ .. Acts 1:21-22** - *So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection."*