

Full of Hope, Yet Thirsty for More

“I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.” (v. 13-14)

In this season, I find myself clinging more closely to God, seeking a change, and expecting something to break. I am in a space where God is enough and yet, day by day I still desire more. I consider Abraham and Sarah who were overflowing with faith and trusted God with their lives. They forfeited everything they knew and followed God. Yet, the uncertainties imbedded in Abraham’s question to God in Genesis 15:1, “Sovereign Lord, how can I know...,” and Abraham’s laugh at God in Genesis 17:17 shows that deep inside both Abraham and Sarah were still thirsting for God.

Likewise, when I am presented each day with a virus that seems relentless, I thirst for God to not only heal this nation, but also deliver me from my doubts. As each day demonstrates a system that is oppressive to those who need it most, I thirst for God to heal the land, and at the same time deliver me from feelings of restlessness. And, with each new day I am reminded that there’s hope! As the Psalmist proclaimed, “my heart will not fear...I will be confident.” (Ps. 27:3)

Lent ushers in a potency of hope that springs eternal inside of me through the Holy Spirit. And while I am full of Christ’s power and a faith to overcome, I continuously yearn for more of God’s light, more of God’s presence, and more of God’s healing power. Amid strain and uncertainty, I will hope!

Precious Lord, help us grab hold of you more and more each day. Help us to see your mighty hand moving in all situations in our world and in our lives. As your light of hope rises and sets on us daily, move us to also be that light for others. Amen

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