

SERIES: THE WEARY WORLD REJOICES

MESSAGE: A THRILL OF HOPE!

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TEXTS Psalm 130, Luke 2:36-40

Isaiah 7:13-14 "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to **weary** men, that you **weary** my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel**.

BIG IDEA: HOW DO YOU ENDURE THE DEPTHS OF WEARINESS?

1. CRY OUT TO THE LORD FOR MERCY

Psalm 130: 1-4 *Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! ² O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for **mercy**! ³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But with you there is **forgiveness**, that you may be feared (revered).*

2. WAIT FOR THE LORD EXPECTANTLY

Psalm 130:5-6 ⁵ *I wait for the Lord, my soul **waits**, and **in his word I hope**; ⁶ my soul **waits** for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.*
See Luke 2:21-40 Simeon and Anna

3. PUT YOUR HOPE IN THE LORD

Psalm 130: 7-8 ⁷ *O Israel, **hope in the Lord**! For with the Lord there is **steadfast love**, and with him is **plentiful redemption**.*
⁸ *And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

Hebrews 1:2-3a ² *... in these last days God has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.*

Isaiah 40:30-31 *Even youths shall faint and be **weary**, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who **wait (in hope)** for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be **weary**; they shall walk and not faint.*

A. What is the Ground of this Hope? God's CHARACTER!

Steadfast Love ... with plentiful redemption

B. How do You Experience this Hope?

1 Peter 1:3-4 ³ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be **born again to a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ... ⁶ *in this you **rejoice!** ... See John 3:16, Romans 8:11.**