


# HOPE THAT DOES NOT FAIL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## PSALM 130

1 **Psalm 130 is a penitential psalm.** What insights can you gain about repentance from the following Penitential Psalms (6;32;38;51;102;130;143)?


2 **In Psalm 130:1, the psalmist writes about an experience of being in “the depths.”** What do the “depths” refer to? Can you think of a time you felt alienated from God because of the guilt of sin or the results of sin?

 *What seasons are you currently facing where you would describe yourself as in “the depths”? What does this psalm instruct you to do?*

3 **Often times in the Old Testament, different names for God may use the english word “Lord.”** How was the Psalmist’s use of the names “YAHWEH” and “Adonai” significant in his plea for mercy?

4 **Read the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector in Luke 18:9-14.** Who received forgiveness?

 *Who do you most resemble in your life--the pharisee or the tax-collector? In what ways?*

 *Do you know how your sins can be carried away? If you haven’t already done so, take the time to write out your testimony of salvation.*

5 **In Psalm 130:4 the psalmist gives a reason why God forgives, namely so that he would be feared.** In verse 4, there is a connection with forgiveness/mercy and fear of the Lord. Take some time to look up “fear” in an online bible concordance.

