

## Sermon Notes for 11/30:

### **Psalm 130**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
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**1 Thessalonians 4:13-14** -But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

“Progress is usually born out of struggle. But struggle doesn’t always mean progress, does it? What do we need to add to struggle to create progress? The answer is hope. Hope, which attorney and author Bryan Stevenson [author of *Just Mercy*] told me is not a feeling but an orientation of the spirit. Hope is a choice that we make each morning, and we do not have the luxury of hopelessness if we want to see progress.” (Sharon McMahon, *The Small and the Mighty*)

**Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-11**—O Jerusalem, I have posted watchmen on your walls; they will pray day and night, continually. Take no rest, all you who pray to the Lord. Give the Lord no rest until he completes his work ... Go out through the gates! Prepare the highway for my people to return! Smooth out the road; pull out the boulders; raise a flag for all the nations to see. The Lord has sent this message to every land: “Tell the people of Israel, Look, your Savior is coming. See, he brings his reward with him as he comes.”

