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Wait

Here I am. It is morning. I am waiting for you. I have set apart this time and place to meet with you. At one time, this would have been a struggle to get up in the morning to meet with you. **Why is that?** As you know, I am not much of a morning person. **What has changed? Why is it no longer a struggle for you to find time to meet with me?** Now, there is no place I would rather be than in your presence. Pick a spot anywhere on this earth. It is not better than being in your presence. Pick a spot anywhere in the universe. I would rather be in your presence. Pick something else to do. I would rather meet with you. Pick something else to hear. I would rather hear from you. Your words refresh me. Your words revive me. I am given encouragement and hope and strength as I meet with you. I am given guidance and direction as I hear from you. **That is very good.**

I have this hunger and thirst within me that only you can satisfy. I could have everything the world has to offer and yet I would hunger for more than it could possibly provide. You fill me up. You feed my hunger. You satisfy my thirst. I will seek you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. There is something I know for certain. **What's that?** I will find you. I will find you right here, right now, in the morning as I meet with you. **Why are you so certain?** Your word is sure. Your word is trustworthy. I can hold on to the promises of your word. **What promises?** You have said that I will find you when I seek you with all my heart. You have said that you will draw near to me as I draw near to you. I am seeking you. I am drawing near to you. Here I am, right here, right now. I know that you are here to help me. I know that you are here to feed and sustain and strengthen me. I know that you are here to guard and guide me. I know that you are here to give me hope and encouragement as I love you with all my heart and soul and strength. You are all I need. You are all I want. I am yours. You are my God and Father. **Yes, I am. I am here with you. In me, you will have all you need. Yes, you will find me when you seek me with all your heart. Yes, I will draw near to you as you draw near to me. Yes, I will meet with you in the morning. Wait for me.** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, thank you for the opportunity to meet with you. Each day you show me something new. Your love and compassion for me never fails. You are so good to me. I will seek you and wait quietly in your presence so that I am able to hear from you. Amen

Gratitude *New Every Morning*

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NIV Lamentations 3:21-26

Gratitude *Begin Afresh Each Morning*

Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!" The LORD is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him. So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the LORD.

NLT Lamentations 3:21-26

Gratitude *New Every Morning*

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

NRSV Lamentations 3:21-26

Gratitude *New Every Morning*

But this I recall and therefore have I hope and expectation: It is because of the Lord's mercy and loving-kindness that we are not consumed, because His [tender] compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great and abundant is Your stability and faithfulness. The Lord is my portion or share, says my living being (my inner self); therefore will I hope in Him and wait expectantly for Him. The Lord is good to those who wait hopefully and expectantly for Him, to those who seek Him [inquire of and for Him and require Him by right of necessity and on the authority of God's word]. It is good that one should hope in and wait quietly for the salvation (the safety and ease) of the Lord.

AMP Lamentations 3:21-26

Gratitude *New Every Morning*

This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him." The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him. It is good that he waits silently For the salvation of the LORD.

NASB Lamentations 3:21-26

Gratitude *New Every Morning*

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ESV Lamentations 3:21-26

Gratitude *New Every Morning*

This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should hope and wait quietly For the salvation of the LORD.

NKJV Lamentations 3:21-26

Gratitude *New Every Morning*

But there's one other thing I remember, and remembering, I keep a grip on hope: GOD's loyal love couldn't have run out, his merciful love couldn't have dried up. They're created new every morning. How great your faithfulness! I'm sticking with GOD (I say it over and over). He's all I've got left. GOD proves to be good to the man who passionately waits, to the woman who diligently seeks. It's a good thing to quietly hope, quietly hope for help from GOD.

MSG Lamentations 3:21-26

Gratitude *Begins Afresh Each Day*

Yet there is one ray of hope: his compassion never ends. It is only the Lord's mercies that have kept us from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his loving-kindness begins afresh each day. My soul claims the Lord as my inheritance; therefore I will hope in him. The Lord is wonderfully good to those who wait for him, to those who seek for him. It is good both to hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

TLB Lamentations 3:21-26

Gratitude *New Every Morning*

But I have hope when I think of this: The LORD'S love never ends; his mercies never stop. They are new every morning; LORD, your loyalty is great. I say to myself, "The LORD is mine, so I hope in him." The LORD is good to those who hope in him, to those who seek him. It is good to wait quietly for the LORD to save.

NCV Lamentations 3:21-26

New Every Morning

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Gratitude – Lamentations 3:22-26

In Context: *Read Lamentations 3*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What has the love of God caused Him to do for you?

How has the Lord sustained you through everything that you have gone through in life?

What gives you confidence that the Lord will be with you wherever you go in whatever you are doing?

How has recalling and giving thanks to the Lord for all He has done for you helped to encourage you?

How are you placing all your hope and trust in the Lord as you go through life?

How do you go about waiting for the Lord and seeking Him?

What has the Lord been showing you as you have met with Him?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make it your practice to wait for, seek and meet with the Lord on a daily basis.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will show you new things about Himself as you meet with Him.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group when you wait for and seek the Lord in your life.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you seek the Lord and wait quietly in His presence so that you can hear from Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will seek you and wait quietly in your presence so I can hear from you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what do you want to say to me as I wait quietly in your presence?
