



“The Next Verse” - November 30, 2025

Sermon by Pastor Tim Ghali

Group Leader Notes

This sermon reminds us that Advent is a season to face our deepest longings and moments of failure so we can discover real hope in God. Drawing from Psalm 130 and personal stories of struggle, it shows that hope often begins “out of the depths,” where God meets us with forgiveness, unfailing love, and redemption. Just as Israel longed for deliverance at Jesus’ birth, we are invited to look for “hope in the next verse” of our own lives and intentionally prepare our hearts for Christ to renew and guide us.

Main Scripture Reading: Psalm 130

Group Discussion

Begin in prayer before reading and discussing the text.

- 1. Naming Our Longings:** The sermon emphasizes that true hope begins by honestly identifying our longings and valleys.
Question: What is a longing you are currently carrying—whether spiritual, relational, emotional, or practical—and where do you sense God meeting you (or not yet meeting you) in that longing?
- 2. “Hope in the Next Verse”:** A major theme is learning to look for hope “in the next verse” of our lives.
Question: Where have you experienced a “next verse” moment—where God brought hope, clarity, or redemption after a season of waiting or failure? And where do you need to trust God for the next verse right now?
- 3. Longing, Waiting, and God’s Character:** Psalm 130 ties hope to God’s unfailing love and full redemption.
Question: How does remembering God’s character—His forgiveness, love, and redemption—shape the way you wait in seasons that feel like failure or deep longing?

Let's Pray

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