### I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)

- 1. Out of the depths I cry to You In darkest places I will call Incline Your ear to me anew And hear my cry for mercy Lord
- 2. Were You to count my sinful ways
  How could I come before Your throne
  Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
  I stand redeemed by grace alone

#### Chorus 1:

I will wait for You I will wait for You On Your word I will rely I will wait for You surely wait for You Till my soul is satisfied

- 3. So put Your hope in God alone
  Take courage in His power to save
  Completely and forever won
  By Christ emerging from the grave
- 4. His steadfast love has made a way And God Himself has paid the price That all who trust in Him today Find healing in His sacrifice

### Chorus 2:

I will wait for You I will wait for You Through the storm and through the night I will wait for You surely wait for You For Your love is my delight. (Repeat)

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#### Confession: Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills— where does my help come from?

Where should I look for help in my need?

# My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber.

He is a great God who knows our every desire, whose watchful eye is on us night and day.

His concern for his children is constant; his love for us is eternal.

# indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

He cares for you and will fight for you against the enemies of your soul. The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

the LORD will watch over our coming and going both now and forevermore. Lord, we confess that we don't always look to you for help. We often get ourselves into trouble and then try desperately to get ourselves out. We admit that it is not possible for us to pay the penalty for our sins. Only you can, and did, make that payment in the innocent suffering and death of Jesus, your Son our Savior.

Forgive us for Jesus' sale and cause our eyes to always look up to you for our help.

#### ABSOLUTION

### Genesis 28:10-19 Jacob's Dream

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. 11 And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. 12 And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! 13 And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. 14 Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." 16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." 17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." 18 So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. 19 He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

### Romans 8:12-25 Heirs with Christ

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

### Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43 The Parable of the Weeds

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. 27 And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' 28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

The Parable of the Weeds Explained 36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with

fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, 42 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

## **Even the Darkness is Light to Him**

#### **Chorus:**

Even the darkness is light to Him, The night is as bright as the day. So you are safe though the light grows dim, For even the darkness is light to Him.

- The Father above neither slumbers nor sleeps, He wakefully watches your way.
   So there's no reason for you to weep, The Father above neither slumbers nor sleeps.
- 2. So dry your eyes of angel blue A And trust the One who died for you. Would not Jesus safely keep, The little ones He loves, asleep?

Sermon: Jacob, the Sleep Tracker, Genesis 28

#### **Prayers**

#### **Benediction**

# Every Promise, Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

- From the breaking of the dawn
   To the setting of the sun,
   I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
   Words of power, strong to save,
   That will never pass away,
   I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
   For Your covenant is sure,
   And on this I am secure—
   I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
- When I stumble and I sin,
   Condemnation pressing in,
   I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
   You are faithful to forgive
   That in freedom I might live,

So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word. Guilt to innocence restored, You remember sins no more— So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

- 3. When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice, And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word. Through this dark and troubled land You will guide me with Your hand As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word. And You've promised to complete Ev'ry work begun in me—So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
- 4. Hope that lifts me from despair,
  Love that casts out ev'ry fear,
  As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
  Not forsaken, not alone,
  For the Comforter has come,
  And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
  Grace sufficient, grace for me,
  Grace for all who will believe—
  We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.