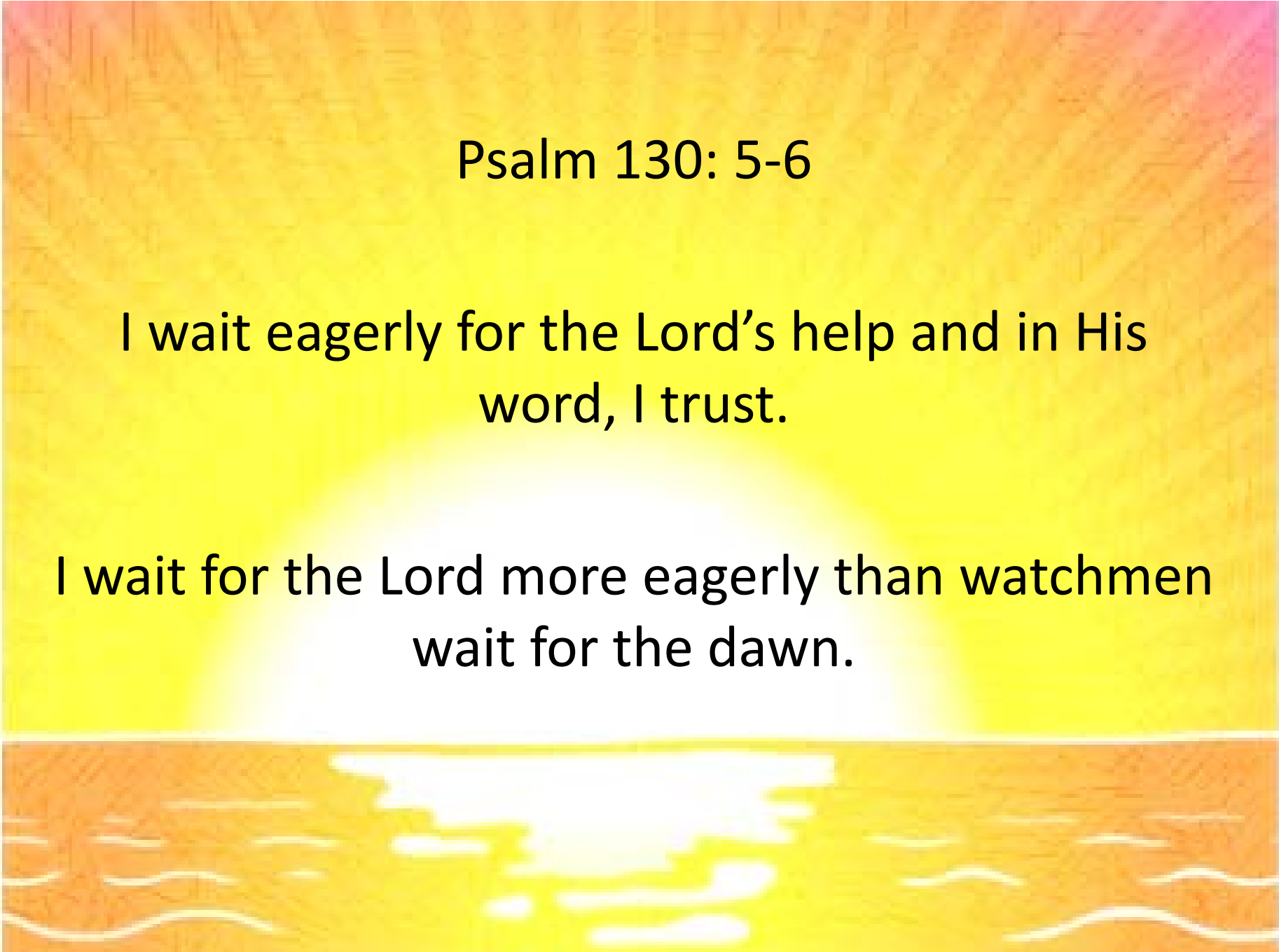


Advent

A Season of Waiting



Psalm 130: 5-6

I wait eagerly for the Lord's help and in His
word, I trust.

I wait for the Lord more eagerly than watchmen
wait for the dawn.

Waiting

- In July, 2020, a powerful storm passed through our neighborhood. Many homes and businesses lost electricity.
- We waited for the power to be restored, some had to wait a long time.

Without power, we had to:

- Wait for our homes to be restored
- Wait for the cable companies to restore service
- Wait for the local gas stations to be able to pump gas or search for one that was not effected.

In life we do a lot of waiting:

- We wait for medical test results
- We wait for a vaccine
- We wait for the “New Normal”
- We may wait for a check to arrive in the mail
- We wait for a raise
- We wait to retire
- We wait for a guest to arrive
- We wait for a son or daughter to mature
- We might wait for our favorite sports team to win a championship

Most importantly, parents wait for a child to be born.

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The Church also has a period of waiting, called Advent. During this season, we hear scripture readings that call us to “Wait for the Lord.”

- In the Old Testament, Isaiah counsels the Jewish people to wait for the future Messiah.
- In the new Testament, John the Baptist tells the people that the waiting is soon to end ... the Messiah is coming.
- In Luke’s Gospel we learn that Mary is waiting for the birth of her child, Jesus.

How do we wait?

- We may be impatient or get frustrated
- We may find ourselves eager, as we read in the Psalm, or hesitant
- We may be hopeful or anxious
- We may feel humbled which can be an invitation to welcome whatever or whoever follows.

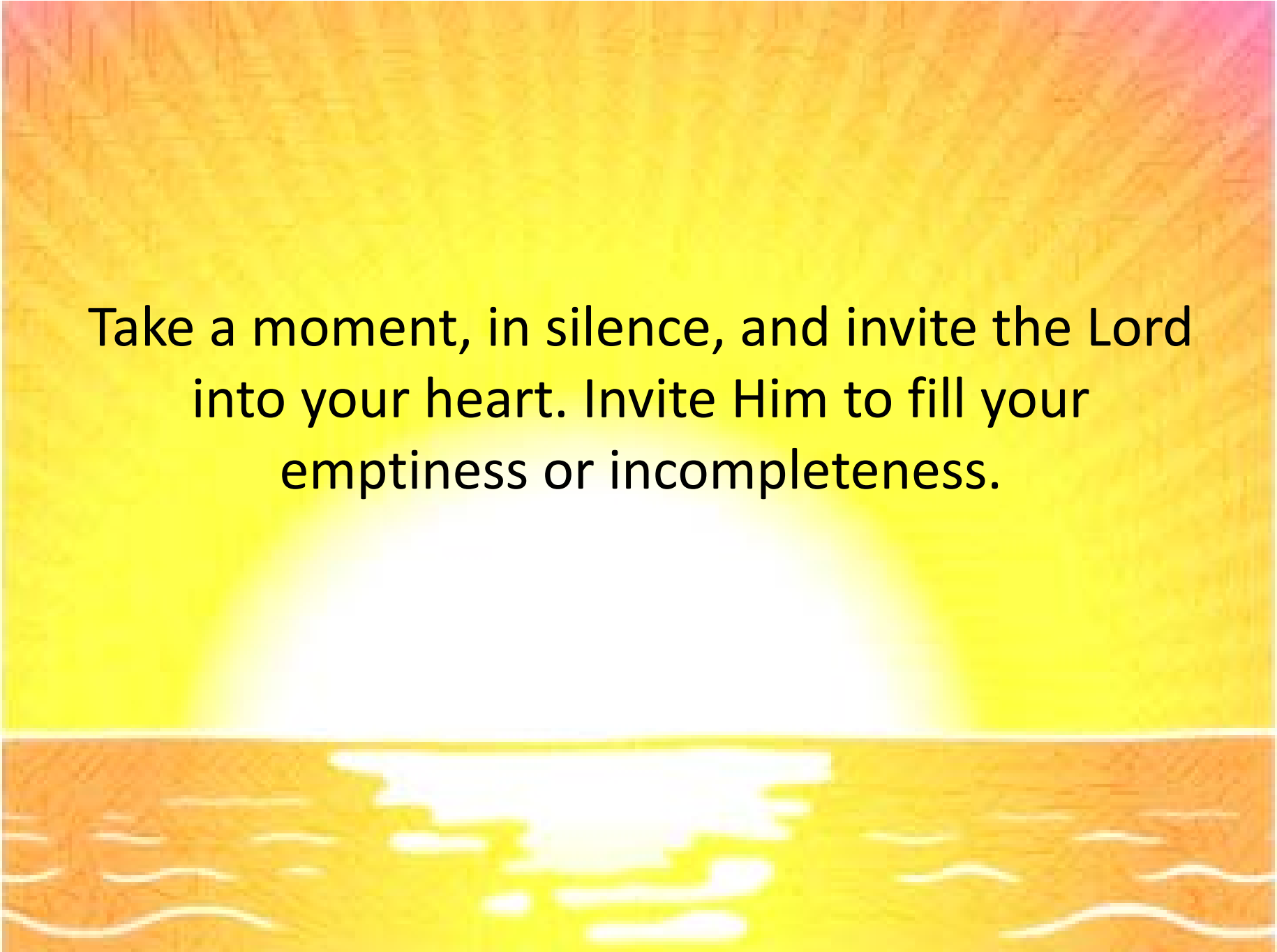
**We are waiting because we are incomplete.
We are missing something or someone.**

Wait for the Lord

The feeling of incompleteness can open us to search for God, to invite God to be more present in our lives.

In the Psalm, we prayed “I wait for the Lord...”

- We wait for him to reveal himself to us
- We wait to experience his love
- We wait prayerfully
- We wait and see



Take a moment, in silence, and invite the Lord
into your heart. Invite Him to fill your
emptiness or incompleteness.

Let us pray Psalm 130 together

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Amen