PILGRIM’S PSALMS

Hope in the Morning

***Psalm 130: A song of hope and redemption from the trouble within…***

*For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean.’* ***(Mark 7:21-23)***

* ***Pressure: driven to the presence of God –*** *“Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O LORD, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.”*  ***(vv. 1-2)***
* ***Humility: exposed before the gaze of God –*** *“If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?”* ***(v. 3)***

*“My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from Me, nor is their sin concealed from my eyes.”* ***(Jer. 16:17)***

***Our reflex response to being exposed…***

* ***We hide –*** *“But the LORD God called to the man, ‘Where are you?’ He answered, ‘I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.’”* **(Gen. 3:9-10)**
* ***We blame-shift –*** *“The man said, ‘The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it’…The woman said, ‘The serpent deceived me, and I ate.’”* ***(Gen. 3:12-13)***
* ***Grace: forgiven by the love of God –*** *“But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.”* ***(v. 4)***

*But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.* ***(Eph. 2:4-5)***

* ***Hope: rooted in the Word of God –*** *“I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.”* ***(v. 5)***
* ***Deliverance: redeemed by the Son of God –*** *“O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.”* ***(vv. 7-8)***

*This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.* ***(Rom. 3:22-24)***

*Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD” – and you forgave the guilt of my sin.* ***(Psalm 32:5)***