



Living in the gap - Holy Saturday and beyond

JOHN 16:16-24

Easter Leap-frog



From Good Friday to Easter Sunday



Jesus' tomb time on Saturday



- ▶ Joseph of Arimathea's borrowed tomb
- ▶ Descent into hell
- ▶ Pioneer in our spiritual journey to resurrection life
- ▶ In experiencing what it means to be dead, Jesus has shared every experience of mankind.

Discipleswaiting and reflecting



Noman's land



Disciples' Journey of Faith

- ▶ Initial meeting with Jesus – enthusiasm, but not clear vision
- ▶ Fun of the Community of disciples
- ▶ Learning and serving together
- ▶ Resurrection - a new perspective
- ▶ Pentecost – growing confidence
- ▶ Developing greater depth



Crucifixion like hitting a brick wall when their faith was almost shattered.
Disorientation – what is going on?



Perspective of hope



- ▶ Now is your time of grief (v22)
- ▶ to take up our cross and follow me (Lk 9:23) - Living with suffering and failure
- ▶ 1 Peter 1:6 though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.
- ▶ but I will see you again
- ▶ Jn 14:2 My Father's house has many rooms; ...I am going there to prepare a place for you...so that you will be with me where I am.
- ▶ 1 Pet 1:3-4 you have new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven for you

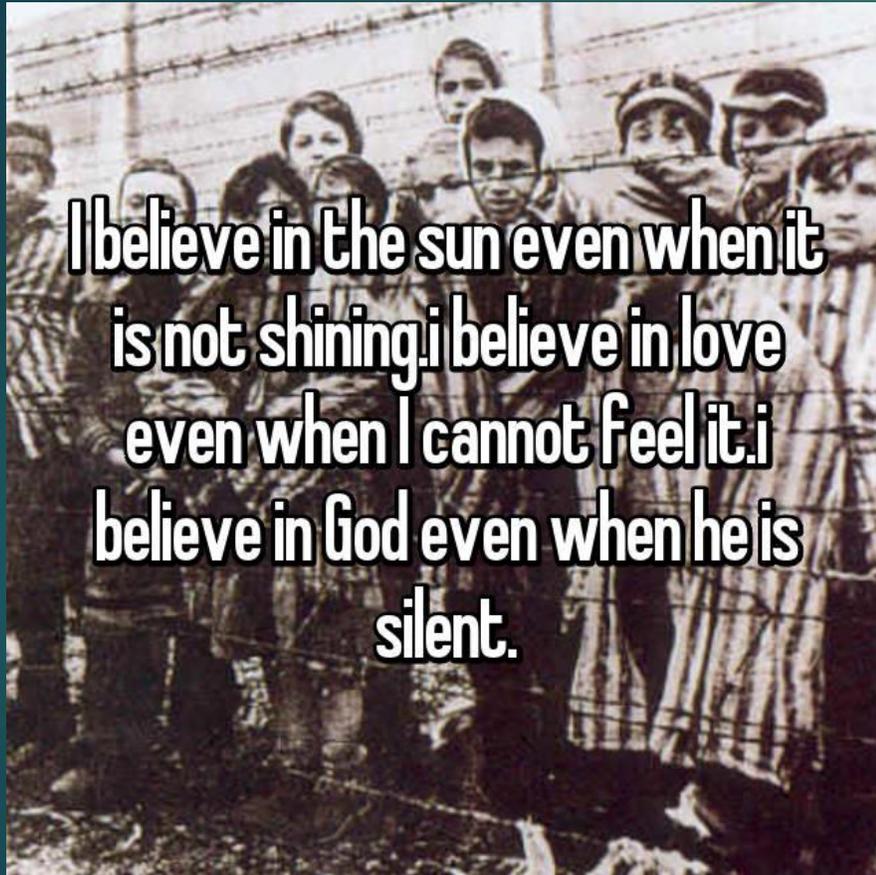
What would we have felt?



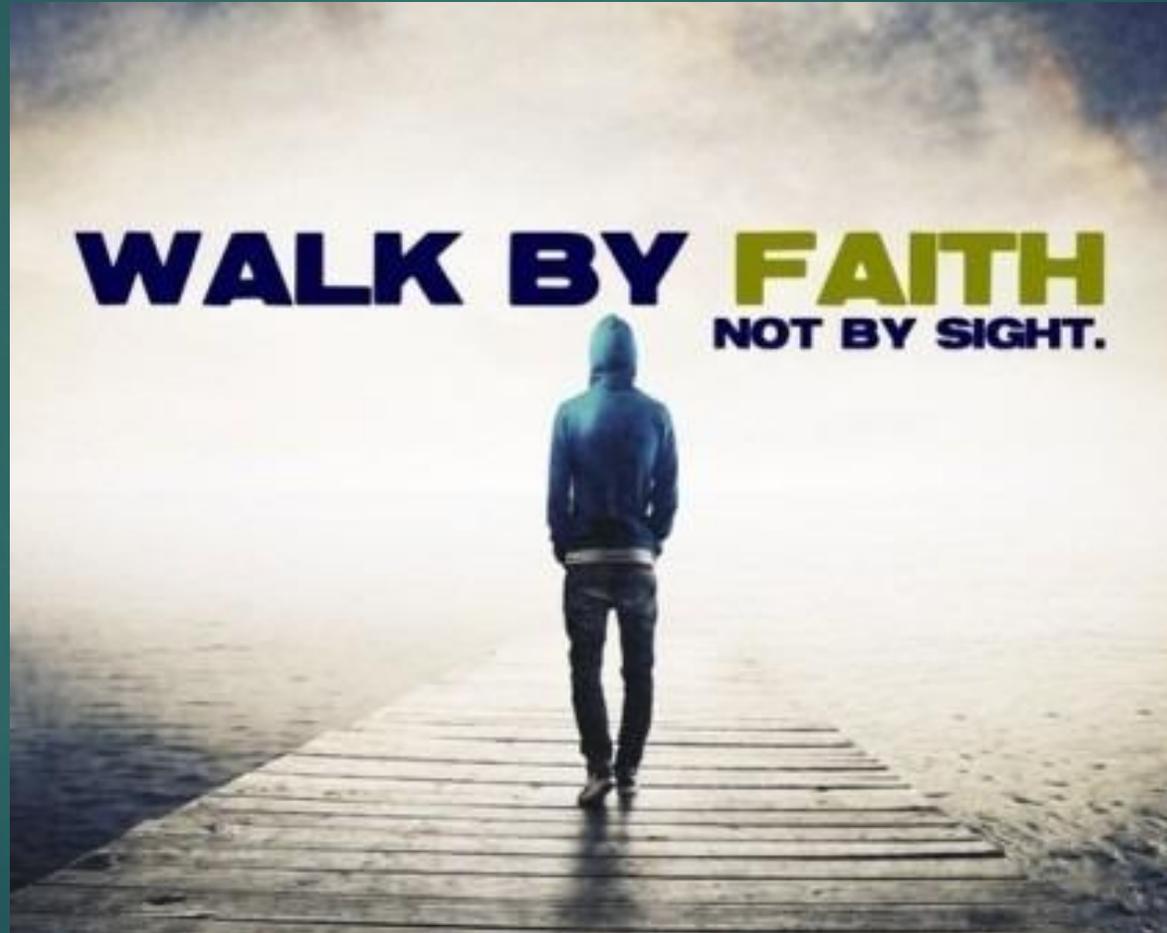
Tomb-time reflection



When all seems dark



The invisible God



What can we learn?



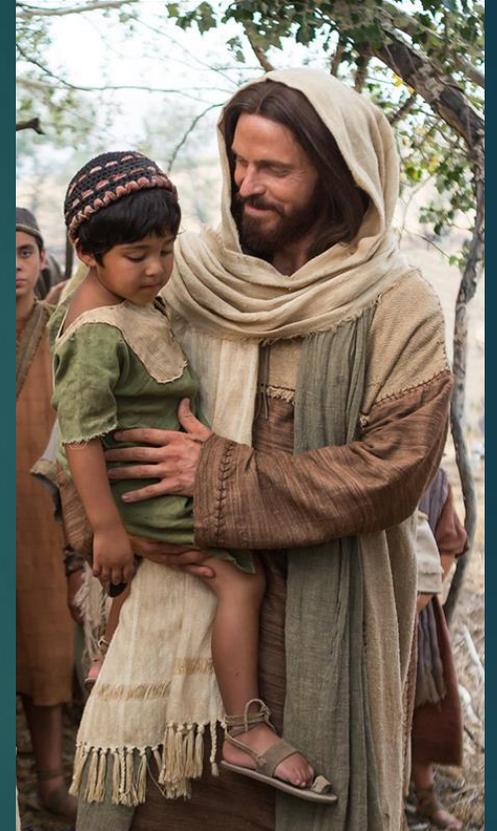
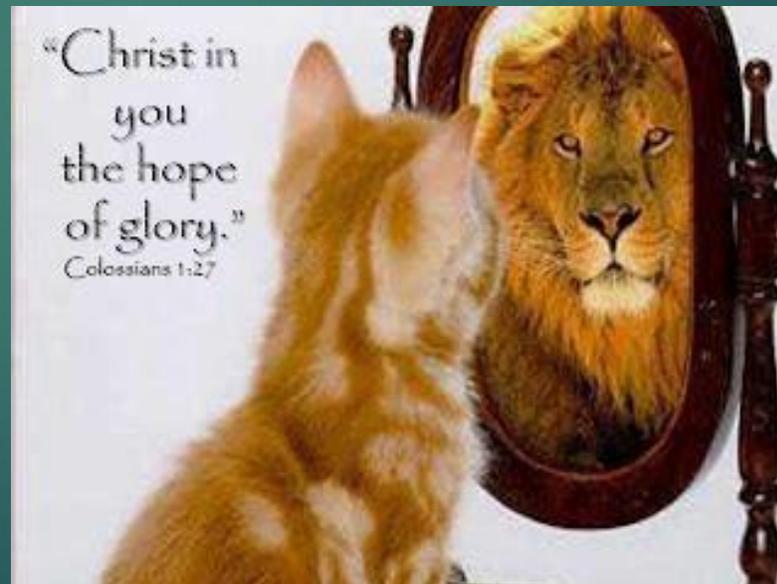
Essence of the Good News



A masterpiece work in progress



The mystery of Christ



Waiting....

