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## Waiting on God series:

- Anticipation of glory is the counterweight to the weight of the curse.
- Hope in glory needs to be combined with operative certainty.
- 3. Waiting for the Lord is active stewardship; not passive indolence.
- 4. Waiting for God is a shaping and changing trial for us.
- 5. God himself lifts up those that wait for him.

# Suffering is endured through hopeful anticipation.

Anticipation of the weight of glory is the counterweight to the crushing of enduring under the curse.



# Hope requires not just the beauty of glory, but the certainty of faith.

Anticipation is the counterweight to <u>desperation</u>.

Certainty is the counterweight to <u>doubt</u>.



#### God and Abraham

Genesis 15:8 – 14
But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"

...Then the LORD said to him,
"Know for certain that...they will come out with great possessions."

### Hebrews 6:17 – 19

Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

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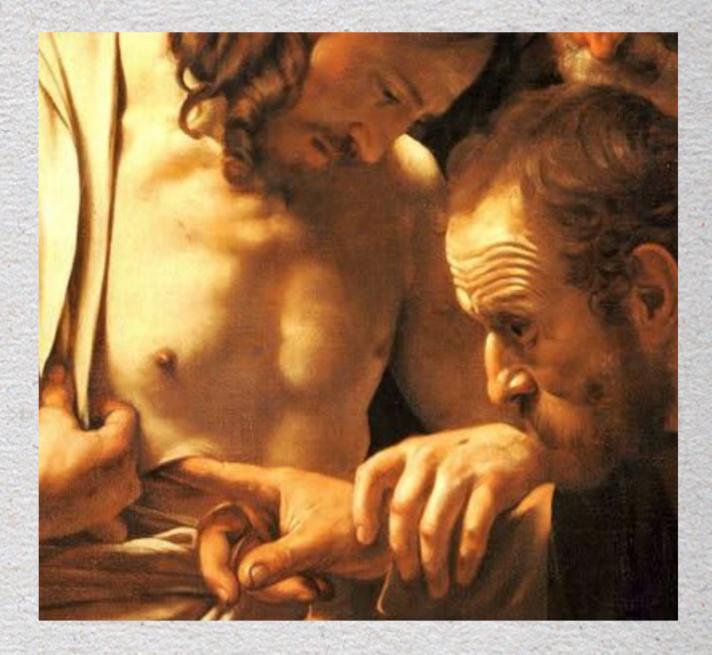


As pressure increases, hope needs the pressurizing support of faith's certainty.



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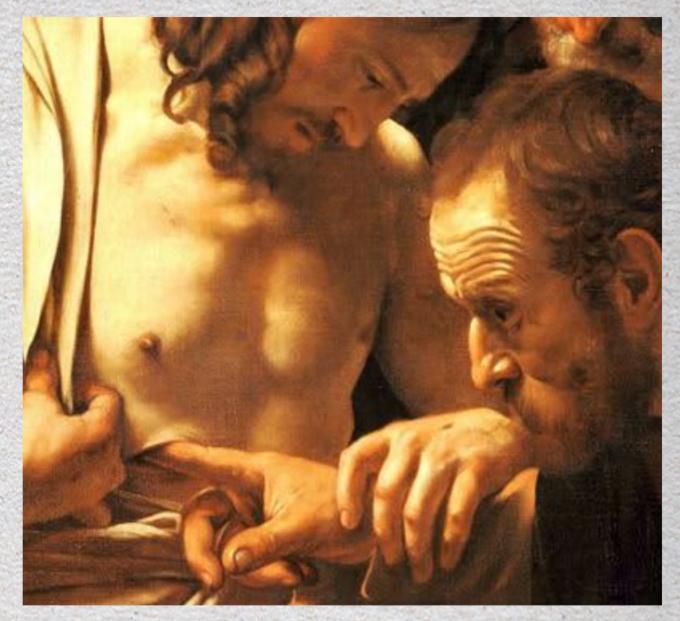


### Jude 1:18 – 23

They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit. But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire...

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