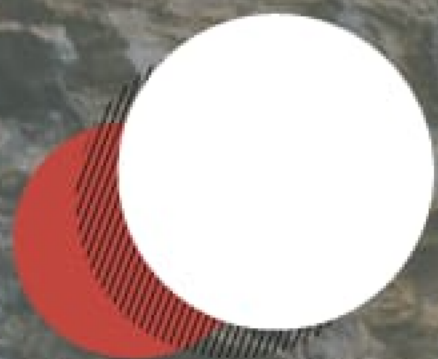
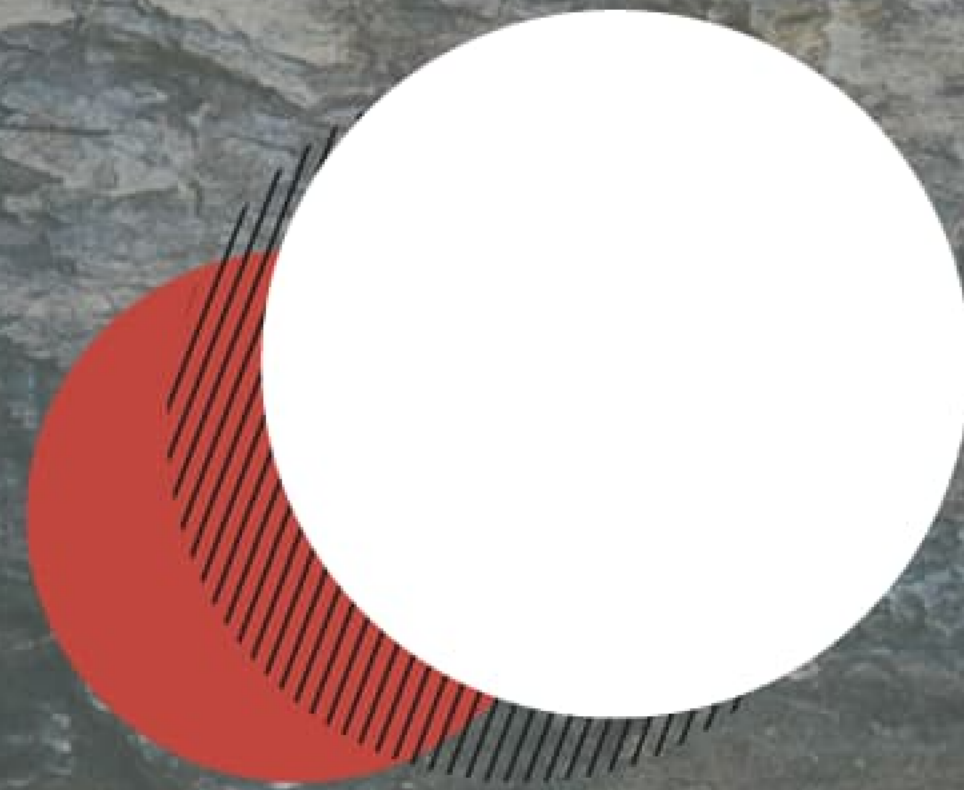


SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 38





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*YOUR PAIN IS A
PUSH TOWARDS GOD*



*Turn to the God
who disciplines.*

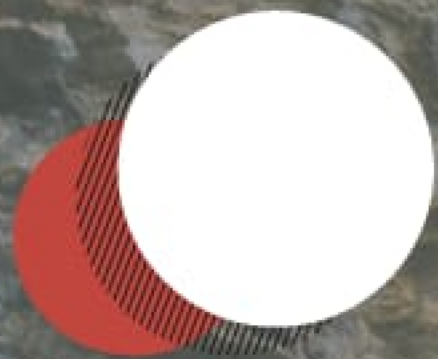
Psalm 38:1 – 2

Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger
or discipline me in your wrath.
Your arrows have pierced me,
and your hand has come down on me.



Psalm 38:18

I confess my iniquity;
I am troubled by my sin.



Is this discipline?

1) Ask God.



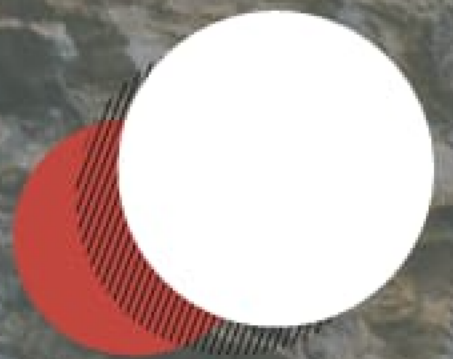
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- 1) Ask God.
- 2) Don't rule out certain kinds of pain.



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- 3) Don't give simplistic explanations.



Is this discipline?

- 1) Ask God.
- 2) Don't rule out certain kinds of pain.
- 3) Don't give simplistic explanations.
- 4) Identify your idols.

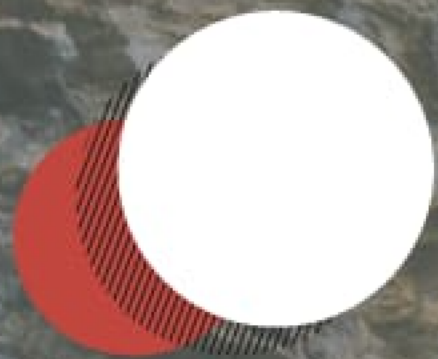




*Wait on the God
who saves.*

Psalm 38:11

My friends and companions avoid me because of my
wounds;
my neighbors stay far away.



Psalm 38:12 – 14

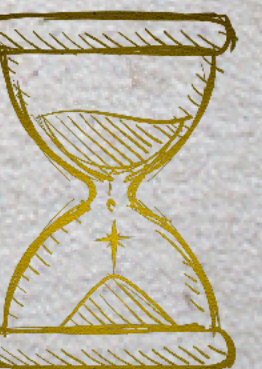
Those who want to kill me set their traps,
those who would harm me talk of my ruin;
all day long they scheme and lie.
I am like the deaf, who cannot hear,
like the mute, who cannot speak;
I have become like one who does not hear,
whose mouth can offer no reply.



Waiting on God

means

Doing everything that's ours
to do
&
nothing more.



Petition (1)

Complaint (2 – 8)

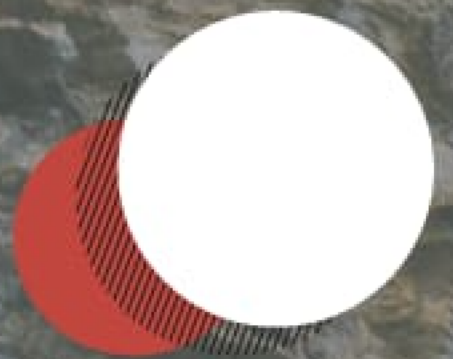
Hope (9)

Complaint (10 – 14)

Hope (15)

Complaint (16 – 20)

Petition (21 – 22)



Two Reasons for Hope

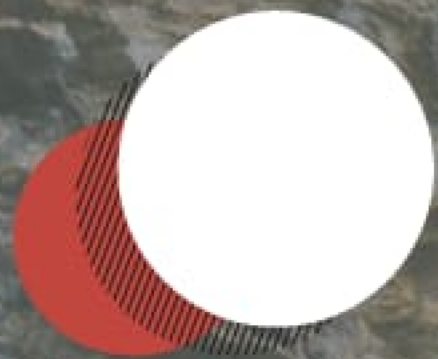
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my sighing is **not hidden from you.** (v. 9)

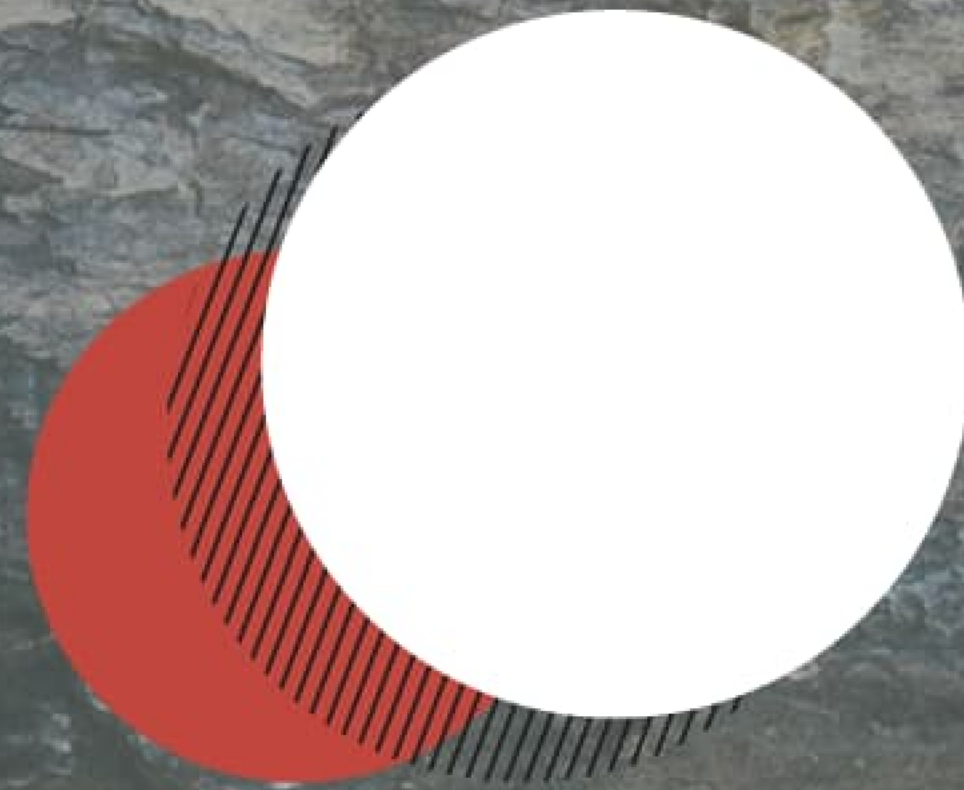


Two Reasons for Hope

All my longings lie open before you, Lord;
my sighing is **not hidden from you**. (v. 9)

Lord, I wait for you;
you will answer, Lord my God. (v. 15)





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