O HOLY NIGHT

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O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining,
 It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.

 Long lay the world in sin and error pining.
 Till He appeared and the Soul felt its worth.

 A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
 For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

 Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
 O night divine, the night when Christ was born.
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A NEW AND GLORIOUS MORNING

I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is <u>downcast within me</u>. Yet this I <u>call to mind</u> and therefore <u>I have hope</u>: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are <u>new every morning</u>; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
Lamentations 3:19-26

A NEW DAY WITH CHRIST BRINGS...

1. EXACTLY WHAT YOU _____.

I say to myself, "The Lord is <u>my portion</u>; therefore I will <u>wait for him</u>."
Lamentations 3:24

2. THE HOPE TO _____ _____.

The Lord is good to those whose <u>hope is in him</u>, to the one who seeks him...
Lamentations 3:25

Let us <u>hold</u> tightly without wavering to the <u>hope we affirm</u>, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.
Hebrews 10:23 NLT

3. THE HELP YOU'RE _____.

…it is good to wait quietly for the <u>salvation of the Lord</u>.
Lamentations 3:26

…The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is <u>nearly over</u>; the day is <u>almost here</u>…
Romans 13:11-12

For Discussion

- Share a time when Christ provided you with exactly what you needed.
- Where in your life are you hoping the morning will come? How can you set your hope in Christ while you wait?
- What steps do you need to take to begin letting go of your fears?

All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted