WHEN GOD SEEMS SILENT

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I. Why the _____?

- Deaf _____

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

- _____

The testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1:3

II. What does the silence mean?

- Silence is a form of _____. It can mean:
- Wait
- Trust Me
- I'm doing something you don't see yet

Silence doesn't mean God is _____ you.

But I tell you, in this you are not right, for God is greater than any mortal. Why do you complain to him that he responds to no one's words? For God does speak—now one way, now another—though no one perceives it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on people as they slumber in their beds, he may speak in their ears and terrify them with warnings, to turn them from wrongdoing and keep them from pride, to preserve them from the pit, their lives from perishing by the sword. Job 33:12-18

- Silence can be a _____.

The godless in heart harbor resentment; even when he fetters them, they do not cry for help. They die in their youth, among male prostitutes of the shrines. But those who suffer he delivers in their suffering; he speaks to them in their affliction. Job 36:13-15

Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthains 12:6-10

This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength. Isaiah 30:15

- Silence shapes our _____.

III. Respond with _____, not accusation

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall. But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me. Psalm 13

Listen to this, Job; stop and consider God's wonders. Do you know how God controls the clouds and makes his lightning flash? Do you know how the clouds hang poised, those wonders of him who has perfect knowledge? You who swelter in your clothes when the land lies hushed under the south wind, can you join him in spreading out the skies, hard as a mirror of cast bronze? Job 37:14-18

The Almighty is beyond our reach & exalted in power; in his justice & great righteousness, he does not oppress. Therefore, people revere him, for does he not have regard for all the wise in heart?" Job 37:23-24

How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Habakkuk 1:2

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights Habakkuk 3:18-19

Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done Luke 22:42

"The silence of God is not a sign of His _____. It is a call to _____ Him even when every sense & feeling says otherwise." C.S. Lewis – A Grief Observed

We live by faith, not by sight 2 Corinthians 5:7

- It's okay to be honest about your pain, anger, struggle, or situation but let your last words be, "But I will trust in your _____ & in your perfect will"

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns & yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. Matthew 6:26–29

My Next Step Is:

- I'm deciding for Christ and accepting the free gift of Salvation!
- I'm recommitting my life to Christ.
- One area in my life where God seems silent is _____
- I will commit to pray for faith to trust His unseen work.
- I will be honest with God by committing to set aside 10 minutes this week to pray like David in Psalm 13.
- I will look for God's fingerprints this week.
- This week, I will encourage someone who is experiencing God's silence.
- I will volunteer at the Block Party on 9/14 – 1st shift 11:30-1:30 or 2nd shift 1:30-3:30