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Hope in the Midst of Heartache

*Where do you find hope when your expectations of life and
God's eternal decree don't match up?*

Psalm 42-43

The dark night of the soul –

A brief word about the title of the message:
WCOF chapter 3 – *Of God's Eternal Decree*

A Psalm of *lament*
42 and 43 together

- ~ recurring refrain 42:5, 11; 43:5
- ~ joined together in Hebrew texts
- ~ no introductory title to 43
- ~ both deal with spiritual depression

The author and setting of the Psalm

- ~ the sons of Korah (Psalm 42-49; 84-88 not 86)
See Numbers 16; 26:11

- ~ cut off from the temple worship v. 6
Mt. Hermon far from Jerusalem maybe in exile

- ~ from lament (42:1-4, 6-7, 9-10; 43:1-4)
To hope (42:5, 11; 43:5)

Questions from within and without

- ~ Is God present?
- ~ Is He Real?
- ~ Does He love me?
- ~ Is he faithful?

Answers found in the ways and works of God

What's in a Name? - everything

Talking to yourself has its benefits
42:5, 11; 43:5

- ~ Why downcast soul?
- ~ hope in God
- ~ I will yet praise Him
- ~ *my* Savior and God

See the progress