



# Living in the gap - Holy Saturday and beyond

JOHN 16:16-24

# Easter Leap-frog



# From Good Friday to Easter Sunday



# Jesus' tomb time on Saturday



- ▶ Joseph of Arimathea's borrowed tomb
- ▶ Descent into hell
- ▶ Pioneer in our spiritual journey to resurrection life
- ▶ In experiencing what it means to be dead, Jesus has shared every experience of mankind.



# Disciples .....waiting and reflecting



# Noman's land



# Disciples' Journey of Faith

- ▶ Initial meeting with Jesus – enthusiasm, but not clear vision
- ▶ Fun of the Community of disciples
- ▶ Learning and serving together
- ▶ Resurrection – a new perspective
- ▶ Pentecost – growing confidence
- ▶ Developing greater depth



Crucifixion like hitting a brick wall when their faith was almost shattered.  
Disorientation – what is going on?



# Perspective of hope



- ▶ Now is your time of grief (v22)
- ▶ to take up our cross and follow me (Lk 9:23) - Living with suffering and failure
- ▶ 1Peter 1:6 though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.
- ▶ but I will see you again
- ▶ Jn 14:2 My Father's house has many rooms; ...I am going there to prepare a place for you...so that you will be with me where I am.
- ▶ 1 Pet 1:3-4 you have new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead .... an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven for you



# What would we have felt?

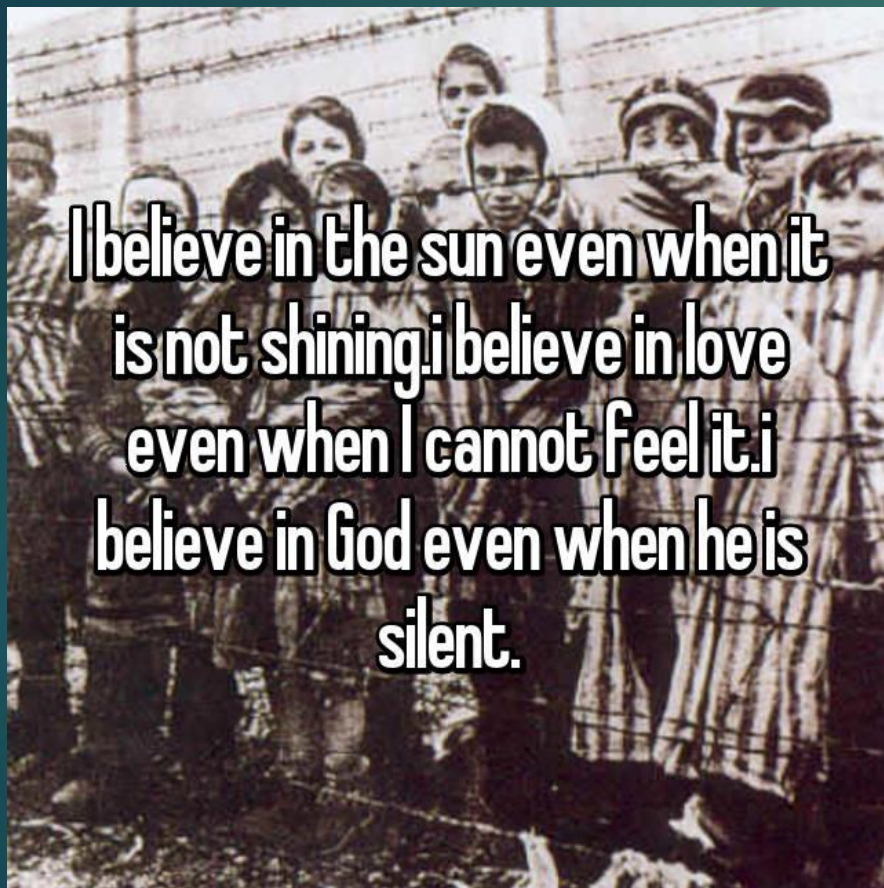


# Tomb-time reflection





# When all seems dark



# The invisible God

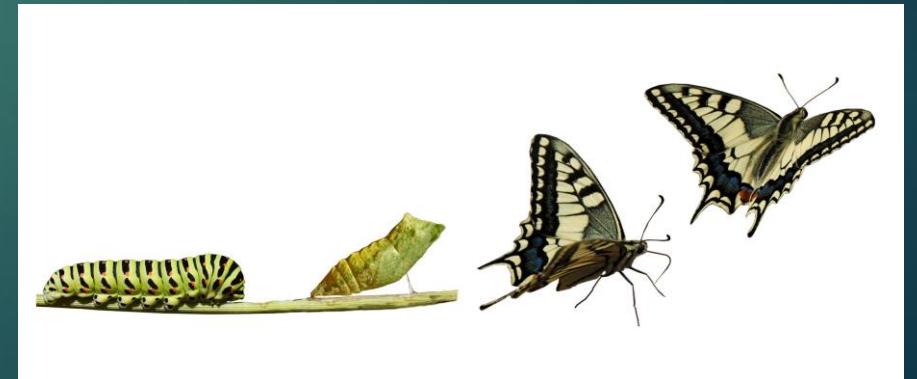




# What can we learn?



# Essence of the Good News



# A masterpiece work in progress



We don't grow when things are easy, we grow when we face challenges.



# The mystery of Christ





# Waiting....

