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to live with and after
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1 Thessalonians 3.13 – 14:

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.



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- Third, we are called to give our grief and pain to Jesus Christ.

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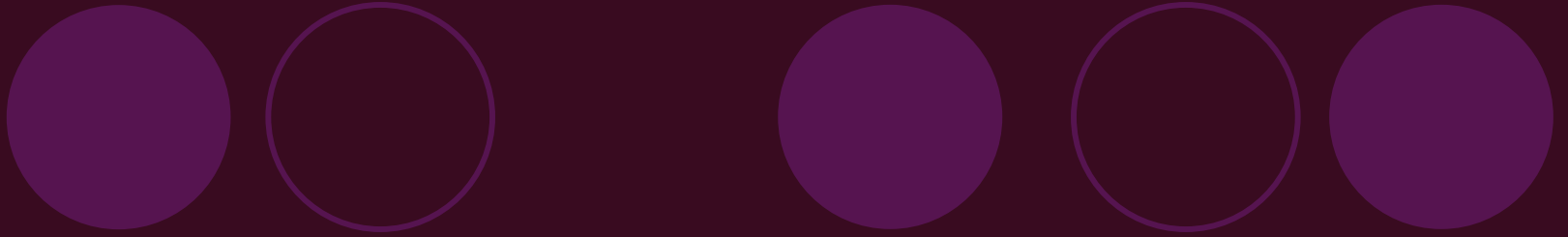
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- Second, hope allows us to affirm the eternal significance of the present.



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We grieve deeply with great
expectation.

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I waited patiently for the Lord.
He inclined and heard my cry.
He brought me up out of the pit
Out of the miry clay.

I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song.
How long to sing this song?
How long to sing this song?
How long, how long, how long
How long to sing this song?

You set my feet upon a rock
And made my footsteps firm.
Many will see, many will see and hear.

I will sing, sing a new song.
How long to sing this song?