



Greetings From Tigist, Abdi and Binyam
October 19/2025
Franconia Mennonite church

Topic:

1. Why God Seems Silent in Our Storms.

Texts: **Psalm 42:** (Mark 4:35–41; Job 1–42)

I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?" Psalm 42:9

These tests encourage us to
Find **faith and hope** when
God seems silent during
our storms.

- In **Psalm 42**, the psalmist wrestles with divine silence.
- Many believers face the same question: **'God, where are You?'**
- Faith continues even in the silence.

Psalm 42 is composed possibly during exile or separation from the temple by temple musicians.

A lament psalm expressing longing, confusion, and hope.

2. Key Themes of Psalm 42

- **Spiritual Thirst – A soul longing for God's presence.**
- **The Pain of Silence – 'Where is your God?'**
- **The Struggle Between Faith and Feelings.**
- **Hope in the Midst of Lament – 'I will yet praise Him.'**

3. God's Silence in the Storm – Mark 4:35–41

- The disciples panic; Jesus sleeps.
- 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?'
- Jesus rebukes the storm: 'Peace, be still.'
- Silence is **not absence** – **He was in the boat all along.**

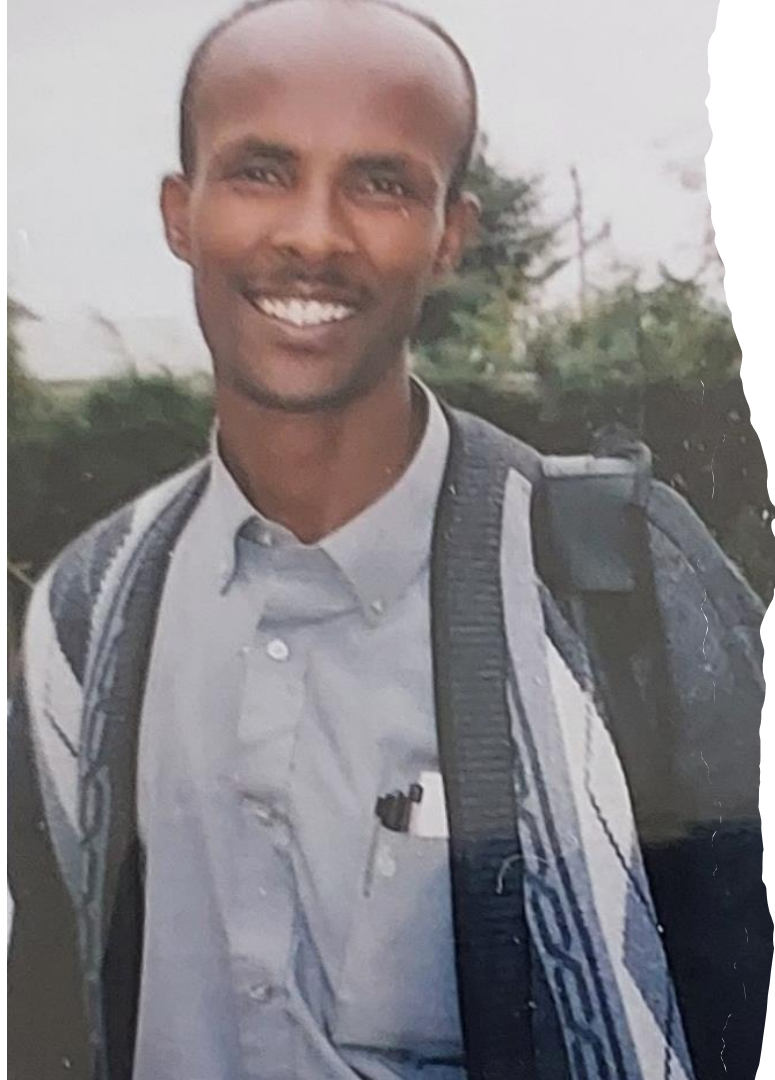
4. God's Silence in Job's Story

- **Job cries: 'I cry out to You, but You do not answer.'**
- **God remains silent until the end.**
- **Silence refines faith and reveals God's greatness.**
- **Job's response: 'Now my eyes have seen You.'**



5. My short story

- This is a man in the middle of nowhere.
 - Driven from home because of faith.
 - Forced to drop out of school.
 - Endured hunger and hardship from 1987 to 1995
 - God seems silent in my storm?
-



- **Called into full-time ministry in 1993.**
- **No permanent income for my life.**
- **faithfully served 21 different churches in rural areas under different pressures**

My wife passed away, leaving behind our two children.

**My father had died some time earlier, and
I found myself asking, “Why was God silent?”**





- **Remarried 1997**
- **Our boys graduated from universities,**
- **Our son got married on September 21/2025.**
- **God put a limit on *my storm***

6. Why God Seems Silent

- 1. To strengthen our faith.**
- 2. To refine our character.**
- 3. To reveal His glory in His time.**

7. How should one respond to God's Silence

- **Remember His presence – He is still in your boat.**
- **Preach to your soul – 'Put your hope in God.'**
- **Recall past faithfulness.**
- **we must know the bridge between **promise** and **fulfilment** is hope**

As we conclude:

Psalm 42 ends with determined hope.

Mark's storm ends with peace.

Job's story ends with restoration.

God's silence in my life did not indicate his absence.

He is preparing to speak, 'Peace, be still.' He is in the boat!