

Psalm 131 Childlike, not Childish, Hope in the Hard Times

Context - inexplicable difficulties, sorrows, heartaches, pain

Joseph in Egypt Moses in Midian David in Philistia Daniel in Babylon
Paul in Prison John on Patmos Habakkuk in Judah 3:16-19

#1 What He Didn't Do

Become angry & resist and reject God

131:1 My heart is *not proud*, O LORD, my eyes are *not haughty*;
I *do not concern myself* with great matters or things too wonderful for me.

#2 What He Couldn't Do

Understand "why this, why me, why now"

131:1 ..."things too great for me to understand" So stop trying and start trusting

#3 What He Did Do

Stilled & quieted himself

It's a choice! You can always chose this! It's not easy. But it's right!

131:2 But I have stilled and quieted my soul;
like a weaned child with its mother,
like a weaned child is my soul within me.

What a weaned child is - a child – not an adult – not fully comprehending things

What a weaned child can't do – understand the why

What a weaned child can do - be still & rest in his mother's arms

#4 What I Should Do

Be still and rest and anticipate the goodness of God to come

131:3 O Israel, put your hope in the LORD both now and forevermore.

It didn't say faith... thought it could have

It didn't say trust – though it could have

It said "**HOPE**" – your confident expectation of good things to come!

Hebrews 6:19

1 Peter 1:3, 13, 21

1 John 3:2-3

Titus 2:13

Romans 5:2-5; 15:13