

Great is God's Faithfulness
Lamentations 3
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1. HOPELESSNESS

Lamentations 3:1-2

I am the man who has seen affliction
under the rod of his wrath;
he has driven and brought me
into darkness without any light;

Lamentation 3:20

My soul continually remembers it
and is bowed down within me.

Lamentation 3:21

But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

Hope = the anticipation of a future that is better than the present.

Lamentations 3:22-24

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
The night is darkest before the dawn, but morning is coming,

Psalms 130:6

my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
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2. HOPE IN HIM

Exodus 34:6

a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and
faithfulness,

Steadfast Love / Loving Kindness: it combines the ideas of love, generosity, and
enduring commitment all into one

Mercies / Compassion: Deeply Moved to Alleviate Suffering

Faithfulness: Trustworthiness, Reliable and Stable Character

Matthew 1:1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Romans 15:8-9

Remember that Christ came as a servant to the Jews to show that God is true to the promises he made to their ancestors. He also came so that the Gentiles might give glory to God for his mercies to them. That is what the psalmist meant when he wrote:

Lamentations 3:24

The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

It is God's past faithfulness that motivates hope to the future

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

Our hope is as sure as our history.

Lamentations 3:25-26

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

3. HOPE IN THE WAITING

Hope is not just the escape of present circumstances but hope is present in our circumstances.