

# **Fortifying Our Faith**

**It is a NEW DAY; it is a NEW YEAR!**

**Lamentations 3:21-26**



## Suffering(s) Is Part Of Life

**Lamentations 3:18-20** *So I say, my splendor is gone and all that I had hoped from the Lord. I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me.*

# Why Do We Have Hope?

## His Mercies Are New And Fresh Every Morning

**Lamentations 3:21-23** *Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

1. It is all about God's covenant with us
2. Never forget that the Lord made a covenant with His people
3. The Lord's love is CHESED love!

## **His Compassions Never Fail!**

**Lamentations 3:22** *Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.*

The Lord is always (110%) committed and connected to us!



**Great is YOUR faithfulness!**

**Lamentations 3:23**

*They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness*

# The Lord (Jesus) Is ALWAYS Faithful!

1. The love of God never fails
2. The mercy of God is fresh and new every day.
3. Our future hangs not on the strength of our faith, but on the strength of God's faithfulness

**2 Timothy 2:13** *If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful...*

# It's A Good Thing To Hope And Pray For Help From God

**Lamentations 3:24-26** *I say to myself, the Lord is my portion; therefore, I will wait for him. The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.*

1. I will hope in Him
2. I will depend on Him
3. I will seek Him
4. I will wait for Him

***Lamentations 3:17-26 I gave up on life altogether. I've forgotten what the good life is like. I said to myself, this is it. I'm finished. God is a lost cause. I'll never forget the trouble, the utter lostness, the taste of ashes, the poison I've swallowed. I remember it all — oh, how well I remember — the feeling of hitting the bottom. But there's one other thing I remember, and remembering, I keep a grip on hope: God's loyal love couldn't have run out, his merciful love couldn't have dried up. They're created new every morning. How great your faithfulness! I'm sticking with God (I say it over and over). He's all I've got left. God proves to be good to the man who passionately waits, to the woman who diligently seeks. It's a good thing to quietly hope, quietly hope for help from God (The Message)***

## Communion

**Matthew 26:26-30 (NLT)** *As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, take this and eat it, for this is my body. And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which **confirms the covenant between God and his people**. It is poured out **as a sacrifice** to forgive the sins of many. Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom. Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.*