



A NEWSTORY CHURCH SERIES  
**LAMENT**  
THE SPACE BETWEEN PAIN AND PRAISE

**Series:** *Lament: The Space Between Pain & Praise*

**Text:** *Lamentations 4*

*Part 4*  
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- 1) Read Lamentations 4:1-13.
  - a) What are the “gold” and “sacred gems” of verses 1-2? What is the difference between these items and the clay pots in verse 2?
  - b) What contrasts did Jeremiah make between Jerusalem in her glory and Jerusalem in her shame in these verses?
  - c) How were the arrogant and self-confident people brought down in these verses?
- 2) What are the “gold and sacred gems” in your life?
- 3) Have you gone through a situation where the gold has lost its luster? (where things aren’t as shiny as maybe they once were?) Share your experience.
- 4) Read Lamentations 4:22. How does God reassure His people (“Daughter of Zion”) according to this verse? What hope is given to them here?
- 5) What does Isaiah 53:3-6 teach us about pain and suffering?
- 6) At a Jewish wedding, there is a tradition where the couple crushes a glass to remember the tragic event of Jewish history – the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. In an otherwise joyous occasion, it’s a ritual that tempers happiness and allows for a moment of reflection that life is still full of lament even during the most joyous time in life. Take a look at the piece of glass that you took home on Sunday. What does your glass shard represent?
- 7) Behind the pain of human calamity is the faithful presence of God. He is at work, caring for needs and rebuilding shattered lives. Pause to talk with God about His work of reconstruction in your life. Tell God what’s on your heart. Feel free to share your hurts with God and turn your attention to Him and His faithfulness.