



***“I must not fail to record here the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God and that he has given me many wonderful displays of his providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness.”*** - Thomas Chisolm

Forever Faithful – *In our Suffering*  
Lamentations 3

Lamentations 3: 1-5; 22-23 (NIV)

I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of his wrath. He has driven me away and made me walk in darkness rather than light; indeed, he has turned his hand against me again and again, all day long. He has made my skin and my flesh grow old and has broken my bones. He has besieged me and surrounded me with bitterness and hardship. 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.

**I. God’s Plan will include Hardship and Suffering.**

Verse 5 – “He has besieged me and surrounded me with bitterness and hardship.”

Verse 38 – “Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both calamities and good things come?”

**II. God’s Love will keep us from Certain Destruction.**

Verse 22 – “Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed...”

**III. God’s Blessings will be Constant and Eternal.**

Verse 22 – “...for his compassions never fail.”

2 Corinthians 9:8 (HCSB)

And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work.

John 1:16 (NIV)

From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.

**IV. God's Provision will always Come at the Right Time.**

Verse 23 – "They are new every morning..."

**V. God's Faithfulness Will Forever Sustain His People.**

Verse 23 – "...Great is your faithfulness."

1 Peter 4:19 (HCSB)

"Those who suffer according to God's will should, in doing good, entrust themselves to a faithful Creator."