

LAMENT

From Grief to Hope





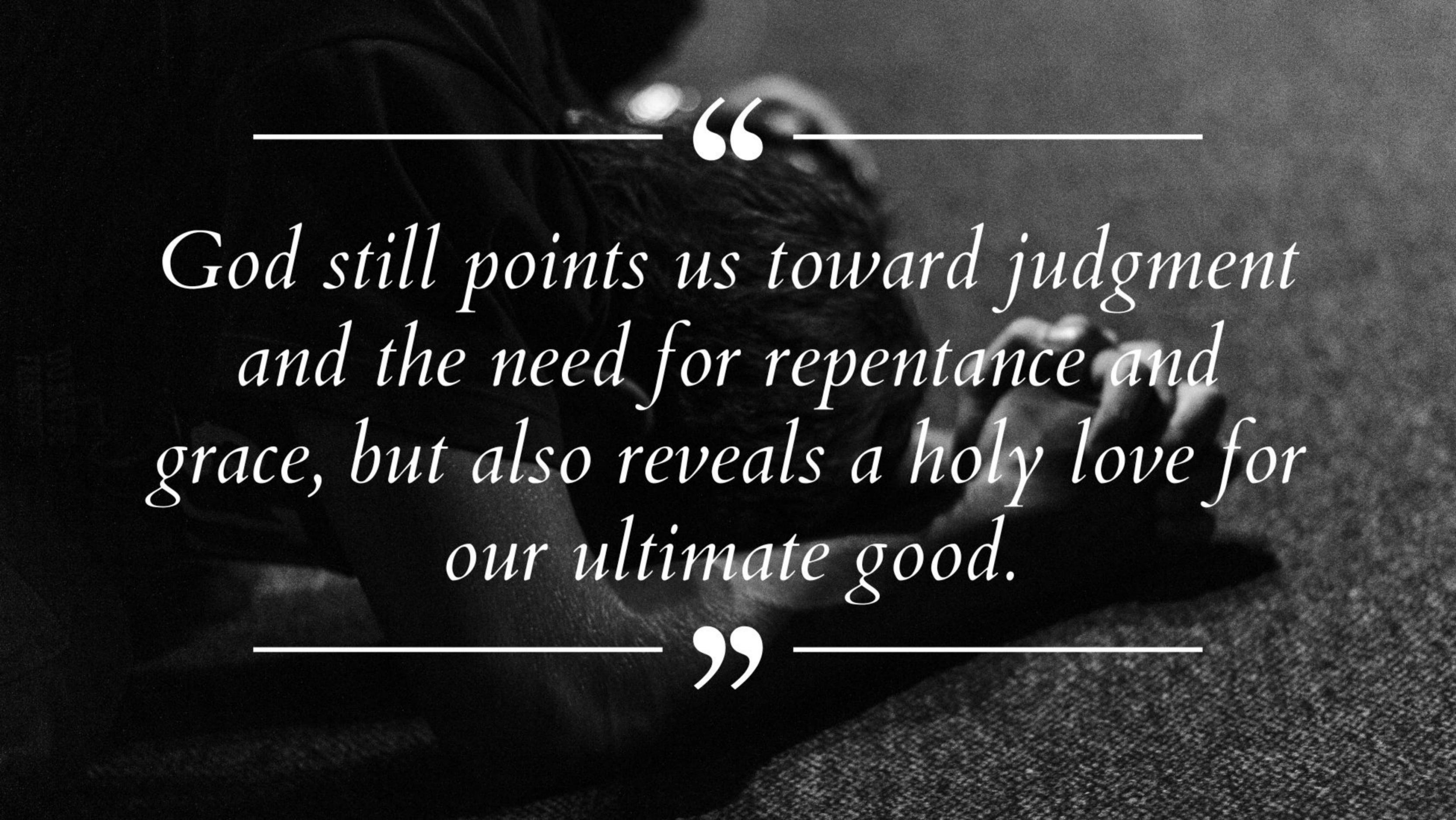
“The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was widespread on the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was nothing but evil all the time.

Genesis 6:5

The Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and he was grieved in his heart. Then the Lord said, 'I will wipe mankind, whom I created, off the face of the earth...' But Noah found favor with the Lord.

Genesis 6:6-8





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*God still points us toward judgment
and the need for repentance and
grace, but also reveals a holy love for
our ultimate good.*

— ” —



LAMENT AS PRAYER

Bringing sorrow,
confusion, and
petition **directly** to
God.



Grumbling



Withdrawal



Lament

MOVES US TOWARD GOD



Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

How long will I store up anguish in my soul, grief in my heart every day? How long will my enemy dominate me? Consider me and answer, Lord my God. Restore brightness to my eyes; otherwise, I will sleep in death.

Psalm 13:1-4

HE IS OUR REFUGE

Trust in him at **all** times, you
people; **pour out** your hearts
before him. **God is our refuge.**

Psalm 62:8



LEADS TO HOPE AND TRUST



Direct
address to
God

Honest
complaint

Petition
for help

Reaffirmation
of trust

Hesed

(Faithful Love)

A loyal love that doesn't let go
when the world is shaking.

But I have trusted in your
faithful love (*hesed*); my heart
will rejoice in your
deliverance. I will sing to the
Lord because he has
generously rewarded me.

Psalm 13:5–6

LAMENT BECOMES THE BRIDGE BETWEEN THE ANGUISH OF
GRIEF AND THE PEACE OF TRUST THAT IS ANCHORED IN
THE **GOODNESS** AND **GLORY** OF GOD.

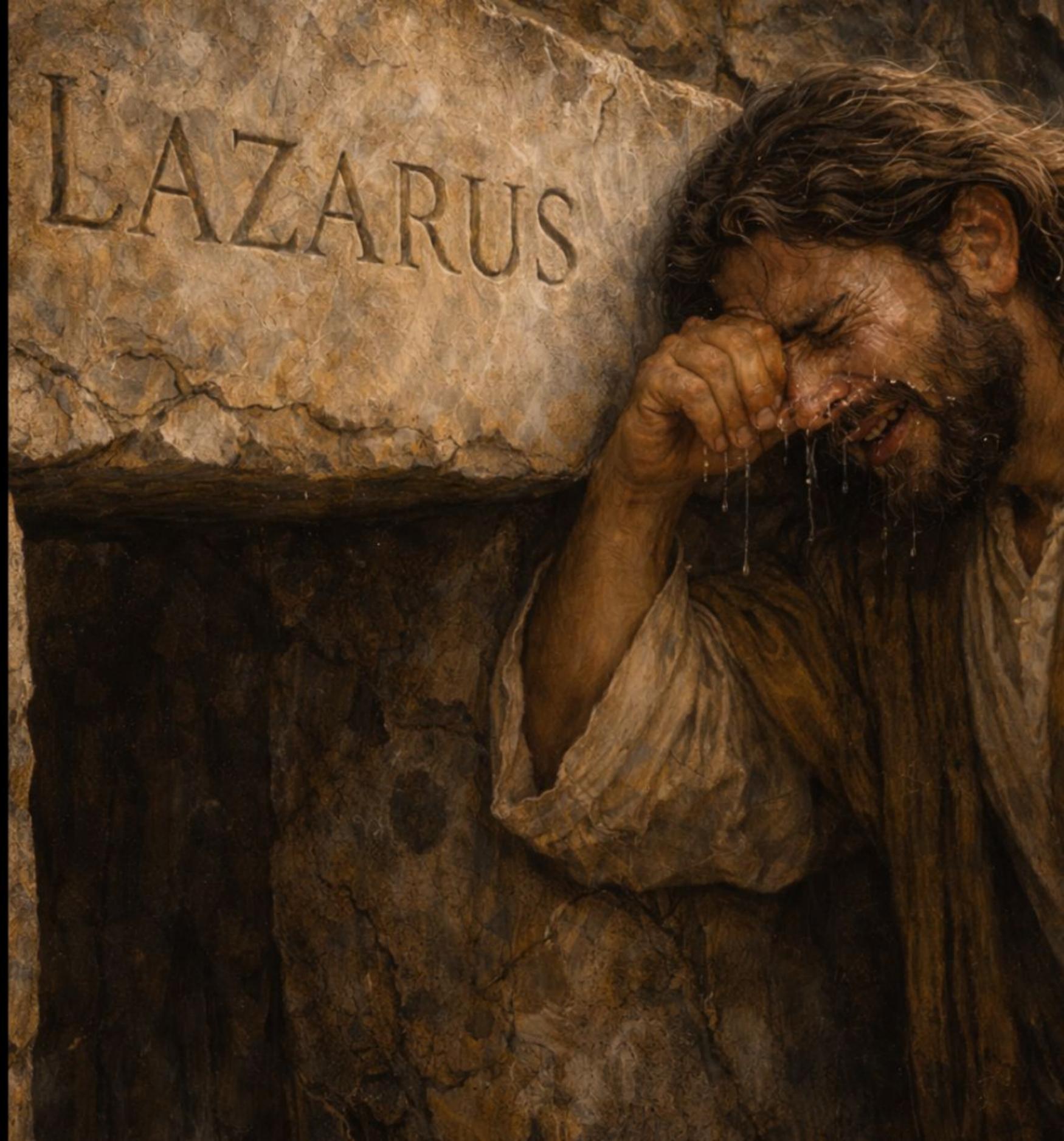


JESUS EMBODIED LAMENT

Jesus wept
John 11:35

For we do not have a high
priest who is unable to
sympathize with our
weaknesses

Hebrews 4:15





JESUS EMBODIED LAMENT

Abba, Father! All things are possible for you. Take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will.

Mark 14:36

JESUS EMBODIED LAMENT

My God, my God, why
have you abandoned me?

Matthew 27:46

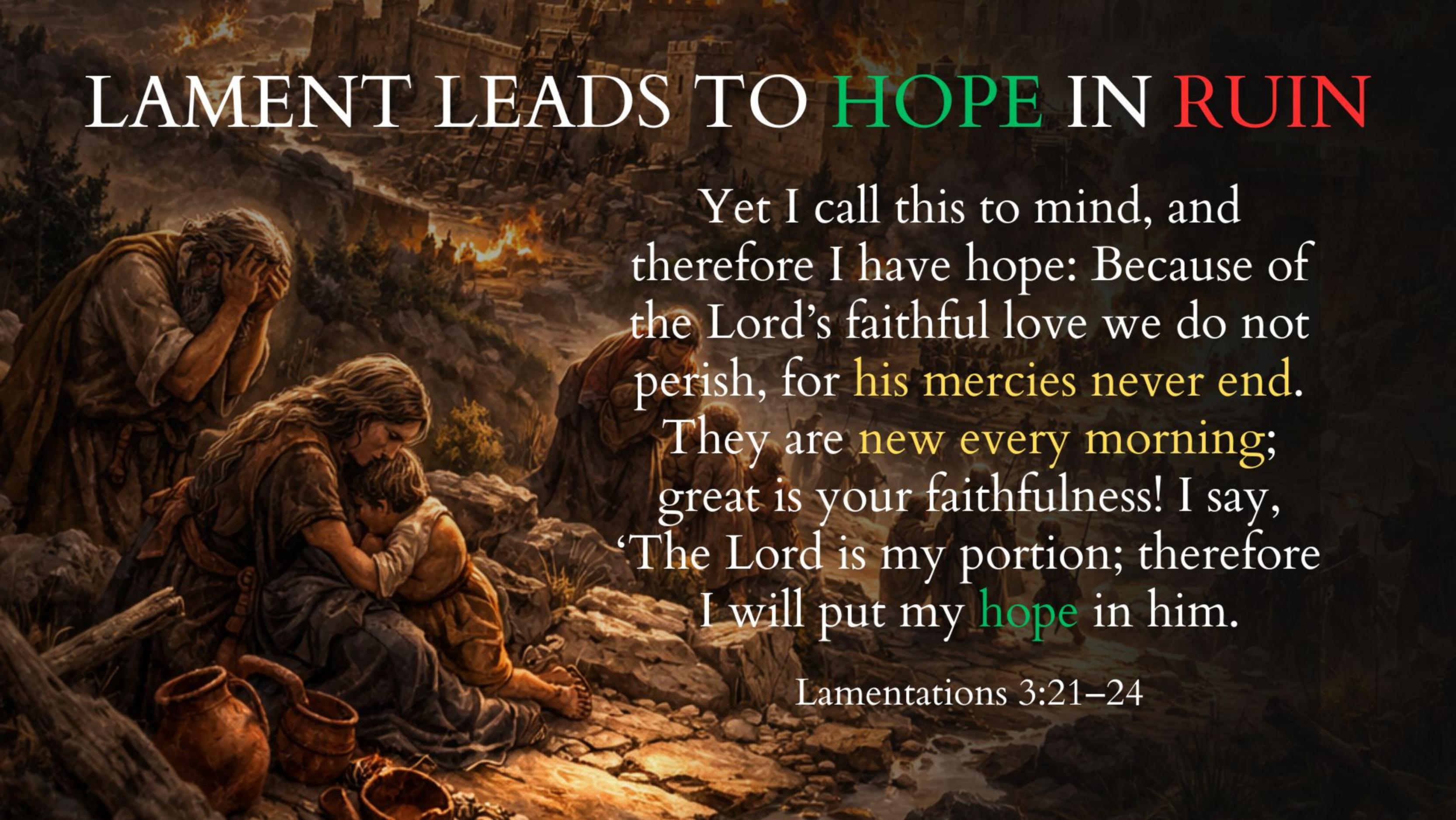


LAMENT LEADS TO HOPE IN RUIN

Is it nothing to all you who pass by? Look and see whether there is any pain like mine...

Lamentations 1:12





LAMENT LEADS TO HOPE IN RUIN

Yet I call this to mind, and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! I say, 'The Lord is my portion; therefore I will put my hope in him.'

Lamentations 3:21–24



PRACTICING LAMENT TODAY

Therefore, let us approach the
throne of grace with boldness...

Hebrews 4:16

I Promise

באה זק עלבוקר בטואג איאקרבכוך דט-בחהארט
נור-בהוסקדרה דטוה הלעכרה, סקורככווה ענא
הטק, בוקכפדאד בלבקרלעלג, אדיטוה דקעוק
קרוה בוטה דיאא. אטוקודי טטהקלג. דיג אלטוה
בלאוה נאורה, בלדאלוה אטלוקחד וועניטווק
אררדקיג. בנורה הלטר באידק זעלג. בלשולשו
בוילעח ככרוסן יסהפיטוה בטידטהוד ווכררה
כקוז, רובלדאוה דראה הכלרה, טערקרונא, ז
ק אדיק דינא טוילוגורנא, זכרדיג "תויה דיג לייט
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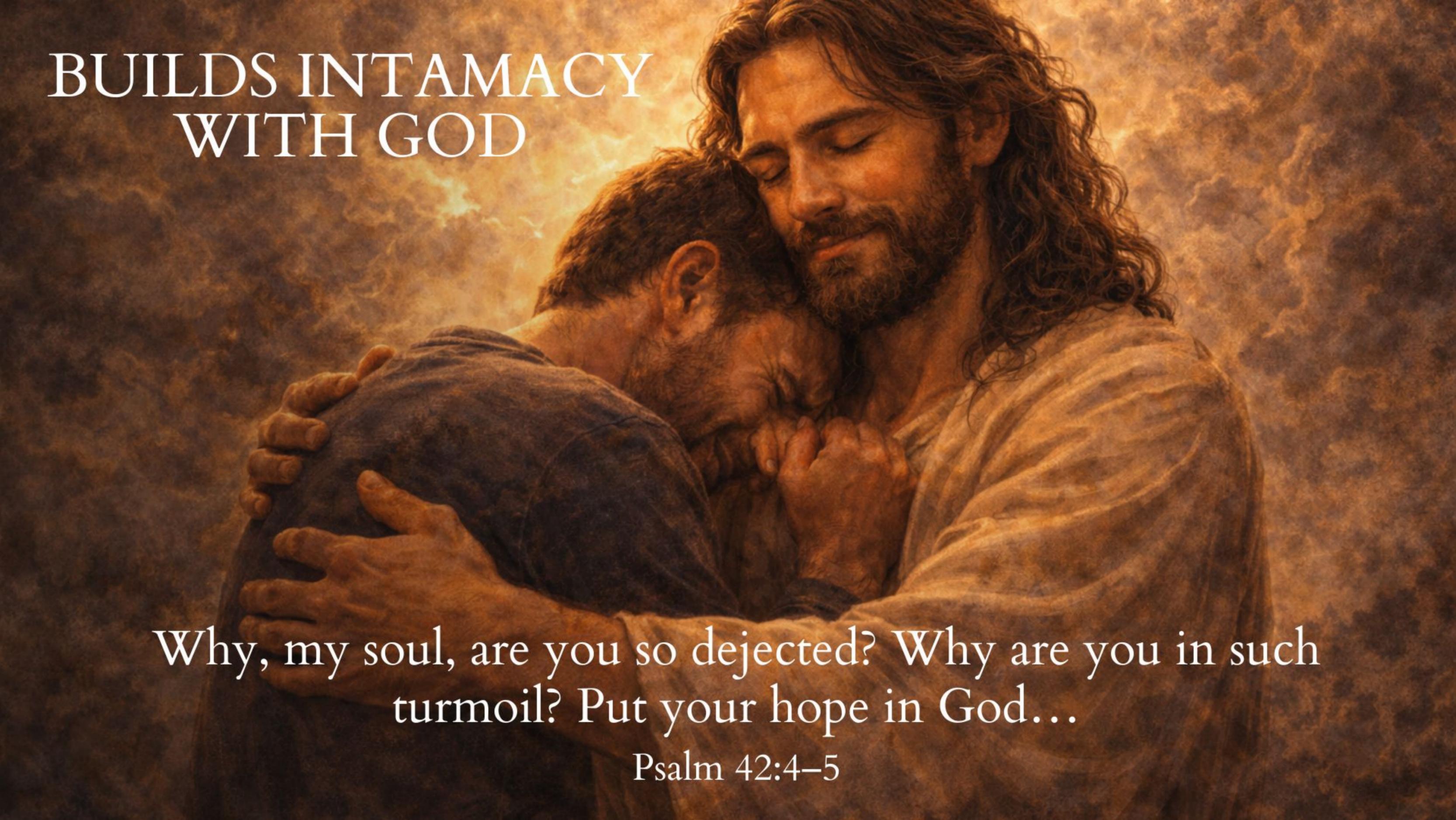
Yahweh



ANCHORED IN PROMISE

For every one of God's promises is
'Yes' in him.

2 Corinthians 1:20

A man with long, wavy brown hair and a beard, wearing a light-colored, textured robe, is shown from the chest up, embracing a man in a blue shirt. The man in the blue shirt has his head bowed and eyes closed, appearing to be in a state of distress or grief. The background is a warm, golden-brown, textured surface, possibly a wall or a backdrop, with a bright light source behind the man in the robe, creating a halo effect. The overall mood is one of comfort and support.

BUILDS INTAMACY
WITH GOD

Why, my soul, are you so dejected? Why are you in such
turmoil? Put your hope in God...

Psalm 42:4–5



LAMENT IS
FAITH
REFUSING TO
LIE ABOUT
SUFFERING



For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us.

Romans 8:18





He will wipe away every
tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more...

Revelation 21:4

The background image is a dark, atmospheric scene. It features a stone bridge or walkway that recedes into the distance, leading towards a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, breaking through a misty or foggy atmosphere. The overall mood is somber and contemplative, fitting the theme of the text.

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