



the lake church

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**Music that Matters: Great is Thy Faithfulness**  
**Lamentations 3:21-31**

**1. THERE IS MERCY IN THE MIDST OF MAYHEM**

Lam 3:22 – ***“Through the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.”***

- Jeremiah – “The Weeping Prophet” – can see through the darkness to God’s mercies.
- We all will face “mayhem” – getting used to difficulties/situations we had not planned on.

Job 5:7 – ***“Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward.”***

Ps 23:4 – ***“... though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death ...”***

Matt 5:45 – ***“He makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust”***

- *HESED* (Hebrew) Essential part of God’s character.
- Lovingkindness, Covenant faithfulness, Steadfast love.
- FOCUS on your grief / problems ... or on your great GOD, and His *HESED* towards you.

## 2. GOD'S RESOURCES WILL MATCH YOUR REQUIREMENTS.

Lam 3:23 – *“They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness.”*

- Every day – God renews His supply of His HESED to you.
- Morning QT – “gather your manna” for the day. Reset your compass.
- Faith: Heb 11:1 – “Now faith is...”
- Jeremiah: What he SEES vs what he KNOWS about his God.

2 Tim 2:13 (Paul) – *“if we are faithless, HE remains faithful because HE cannot deny Himself.”*

### Thomas Chisholm – 1866

- *“I must never fail to record the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant keeping God.”*
- Wrote 1200 poems and songs, including *“Great is thy Faithfulness”*

## 3. DELAYS DON'T MEAN GOD'S DENIALS.

Lam 3:24-31 – *“I say to myself, ‘The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.’<sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;<sup>26</sup> it is good to (hope and) wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.<sup>27</sup> It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young.<sup>28</sup> Let him sit alone in silence, for the LORD has laid it on him.<sup>29</sup> Let him bury his face in the dust – there may yet be hope.<sup>30</sup> Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him, and let him be filled with disgrace.<sup>31</sup> For no one is cast off by the Lord forever.*

- Jeremiah prophesied: THIS CITY will be destroyed. But, it will also be restored – after 70 years captivity.
- NEVER FORGET: He's God, we're NOT.

### APPLY these to YOU:

#### 1. THERE IS MERCY IN THE OF MAYHEM

#### 2. GOD'S RESOURCES WILL MATCH YOUR REQUIREMENTS

*They are new every morning.*

#### 3. DELAYS DON'T MEAN GOD'S DENIALS

*Wait and hope ...*

WE need when to learn to LET GO and TRUST GOD.

**Let go. Look up!**  
**Your outlook is dependent on your UP Look.**