

FROM A PASTOR'S HEART

Sermon Title: Therefore I Have Hope

Date: June 2, 2024

Key Scripture: Lamentations 3:1-26

What gives us hope in hopeless days?

- 1) Knowing we are loved by God even when we are not loving Him.**

Jeremiah 31:3b ... *"the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."*

- 2) Mercy for our daily sins.**

Jeremiah 31:20 ... *"Is Ephraim my dear son? Is he my darling child? For as often as I speak against him, I do remember him still. Therefore my heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him, declares the LORD."*

- 3) Faithfulness even when we are faithless.**

2 Timothy 2:13 ... *"if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself."*



Through the Week

4) Patience to wait for God.

Ezra 6:16 ... *"And the people of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy."*

Questions for Prayer

1. What times or seasons of life do I feel most hopeless?
2. How do I generally respond to my feelings of hopelessness?
3. In what ways is it hard to wait patiently on God's timing and trust in His work?
4. What helps me to put my hope in God and wait quietly for His salvation?

Study God's Word

New devotion booklets for summer are available on the desk in the foyer.

Scripture for Prayer

"O God, why do you cast us off forever? Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture? Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage! Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt. Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins; the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!"

"Yet God my King is from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth"

Psalm 74:1-3, 12