



God's Faithfulness Greater Than My Failure

Lam 3:19-25

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Great is Thy faithfulness!

Failure is:

- Common
- Painful
- Teacher
- Vacuum

◦Zaps Our Hope

◦This was the Problem with Jeremiah

He was About to Find...

...Hope Greater Than His Hurt



In Ancient Times, Ships Would Have a "Forerunner"

- Gk: *proderomos*- "who went before us"
- Known as the "*Anchorarius*"

This Forerunner was in Charge of the Ship's Main Anchor.

- **W- a Group of Sailors, He Would Carry the Anchor in a Smaller Boat into a Safe Harbor/ Set It There.**
- **Although the Ship Remained Outside the Harbor,**
- **It Was Anchored Within/ Held Secure Against the Wind/ Waves...**
 - ...that Could Carry It Out to Sea or**
 - ...Dash It Against Rocks Along the Shoreline**

Forerunner

The One Person Chosen to Arrive at a Designated Place Before Others in the Group

Arriving First for Three Purposes:

- **Give Notice of Their Approach**
- **Take Possession in Their Name**
- **Prepare for Their Arrival**



Jesus is Our Forerunner

As Our Forerunner, Christ is Your...

- **Steadfast Hope**
- **Anchoring You Within the Safe Harbor of Heaven**
- **He Secures You Here On Earth**
- **Assures You of Your Eventual Safe Arrival There**

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." -Hebrews 6:19-20

Jesus is Our Forerunner

**Our “Forerunner” Jesus Arrived at a Designated Place Before Us
...Arriving First for Three Purposes:**

- **Give Notice of Their Approach**
 - **Acts 1 –*He Was Taken Up***
- **Take Possession In Their Name**
 - **Mark 16 –*In My Name***
- **Prepare For Their Arrival**
 - **John 14 –*I Go To Prepare A Place***



Regaining Our Hope

Regaining a Hopeful Outlook On Life is Not Complicated

- **All It Requires is a Shift in Focus...**
 - **Not On "*The Storm*"**
 - **But On God / His Hope in the Storm**

Because of God's Faithfulness...

...Hope Anchored In His Character

...Will Hold Us True in Any Storm



Great is Thy faithfulness!

Regaining Our Hope

Meditating On God's Unfailing Promises...

...In His Unchanging Word

...Will Supply All the

...Stability You Will Ever Need

*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. **Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)***

I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.

Jeremiah 29:11 (MSG)

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God's Plan

- Prosper
- Not Harm
- Hope
- Future

Satan's Plan

- Prevent
- Harm
- Destroy Hope
- No Future

John 10:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Regaining Our Hope

Your Deepest Failures in Life Cannot Thwart God's Faithfulness

Do You Know the Genuine Goodness of God in Your Life—

- Immense Mercy
- Constant Compassion
- Everlasting Love?
- Will Be Faithful to You Forever

Do You Know How to Experience Such a Hope that Will...

...Anchor You Through Any Storm?

...Put Your Hope in Him

When You are in the Midst of the Storm- Say...

***"I will hope in him"* -Lamentations 3:24 ESV**

Lamentations 3:19-25 (NLT)

- 19 The thought of my suffering/ homelessness is bitter beyond words.
- 20 I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss.
- 21 Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this:
- 22 The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease.
- 23 Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.
- 24 I say to myself, “The LORD is my inheritance; therefore,
...I will hope in him!”
- 25 The LORD is good to those who depend on him,
...to those who search for him.

Lamentations 3:19-25 (MSG)

- 19 I'll never forget the trouble, the utter lostness, the taste of ashes,
... the poison I've swallowed.**
- 20 I remember it all-oh, how well I remember-
...the feeling of hitting the bottom.**
- 21 But there's one other thing I rem,/ remembering,
...I keep a grip on hope:**
- 22 GOD's loyal love couldn't have run out,
...his merciful love couldn't have dried up.**
- 23 They're created new every morning. How great your faithfulness!**
- 24 I'm sticking with GOD (I say it over and over). He's all I've got left.**
- 25 GOD proves to be good to the man who passionately waits,
...to the woman who diligently seeks.**



trials,
and disappointments of this world...

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we
are not consumed,
because His compassions fail NOT.
They are new every morning..."