



SEEING CLEARLY

Where are you heading?

***Will He be
there when I
need Him?***

Session 4

Lamentations 3:1-20

I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of His wrath... Surely He has turned His hand against me time and time again throughout the day... He has besieged me and surrounded me with bitterness and woe... He has hedged me in so that I cannot get out; He has made my chain heavy. Even when I cry and shout, He shuts out my prayer...

Lamentations 3:1-20

He has been to me a bear lying in wait, like a lion in ambush. He has turned aside my ways and torn me in pieces; He has made me desolate. He has bent His bow and set me up as a target for the arrow. He has caused the arrows of His quiver to pierce my loins, I have become the ridicule of all my people— their taunting song all the day. He has filled me with bitterness...

Lamentations 3:1-20

He has also broken my teeth with gravel, and covered me with ashes. You have moved my soul far from peace; I have forgotten prosperity. And I said, "My strength and my hope have perished from the LORD." Remember my affliction and roaming, the wormwood and the gall. My soul still remembers and sinks within me.

Lamentations 3:21-23

*“This I recall to my mind, **therefore I have hope**. Through the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”*



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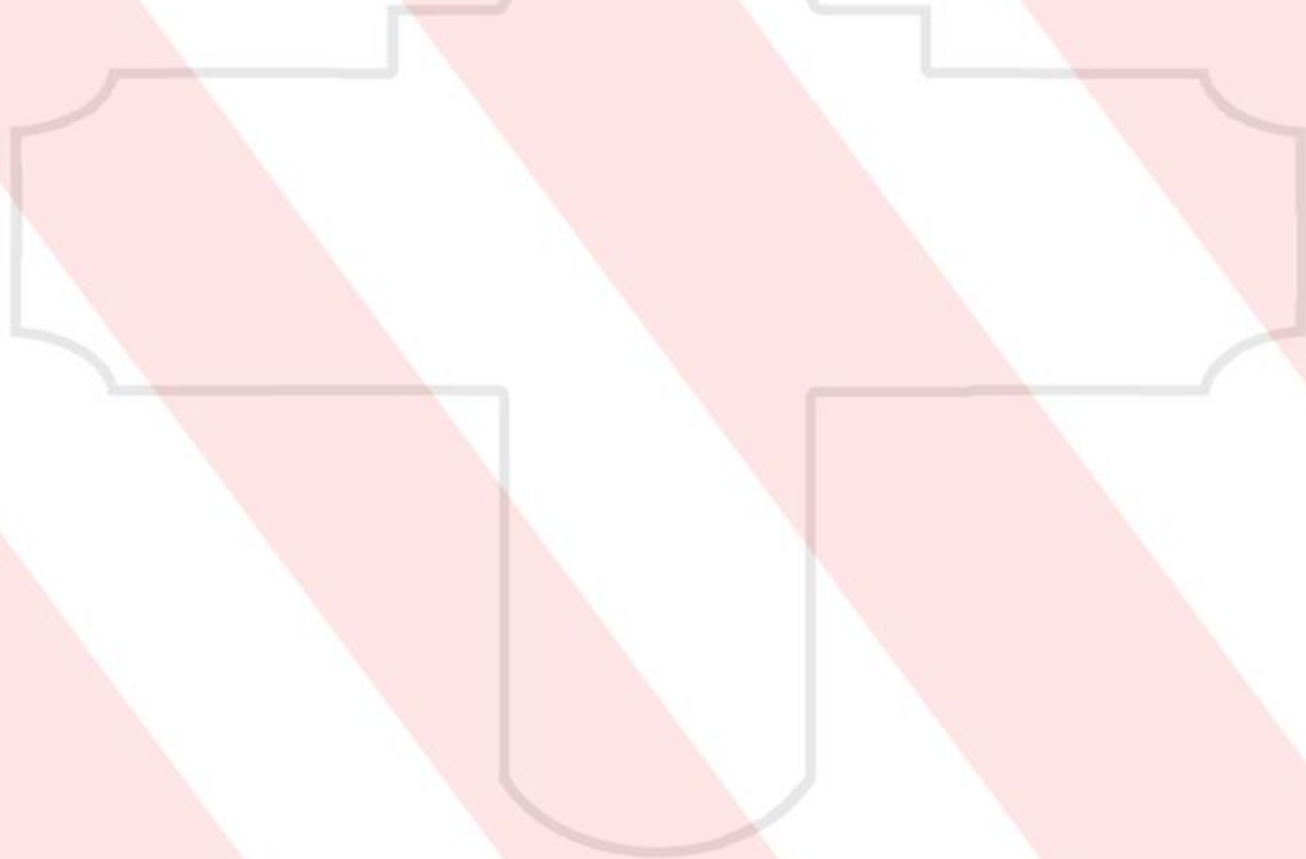
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*What are you hoping in?
What are you counting on?*

Is there any hope that will never fail?



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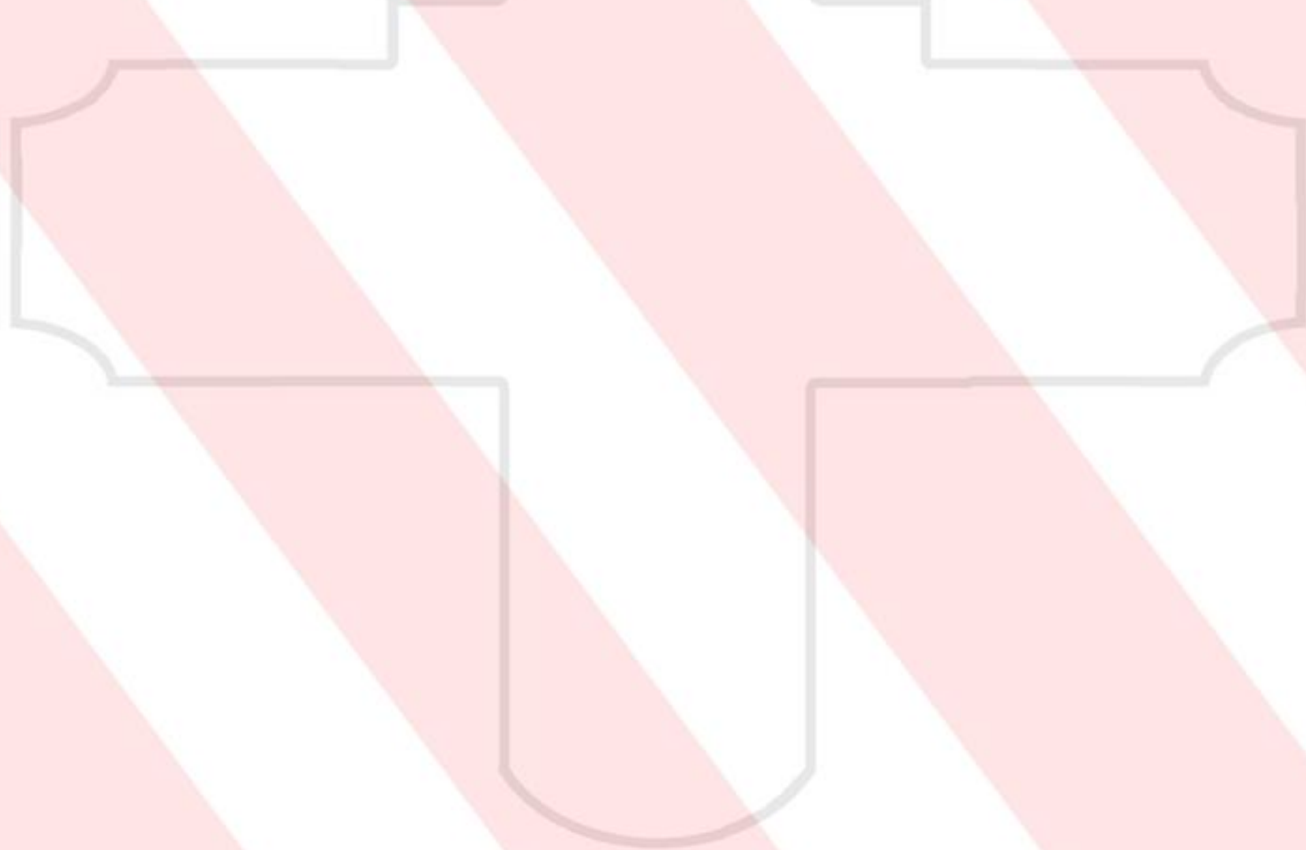
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**God's faithfulness means
YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON GOD**

God's Faithfulness in My Life



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A. When we are TEMPTED

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“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it”

1 Corinthians 10:13

God's Faithfulness in My Life

A. When we are TEMPTED

"...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us"

Hebrews 12:1

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B. When we SIN

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

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“For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him” Psalm 103:11

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“As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him.” Psalm 103:12-13

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C. When we UTTERLY FAIL

“Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.” Psalm 6:4

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“This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.” 2 Timothy 2:11-13

Responding to God's Faithfulness



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1. Put your PAST behind you TODAY

“Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.”

Psalm 51:8

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2. Present PROBLEMS to God DAILY

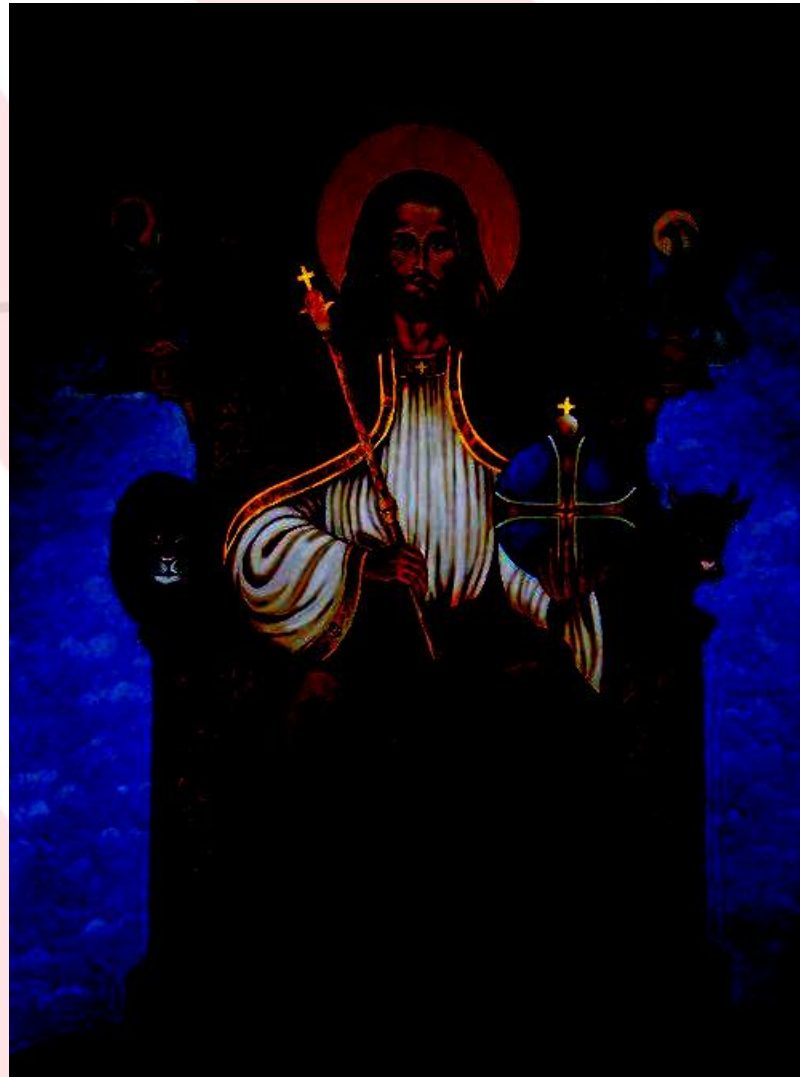
“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

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3. Place HOPE for FUTURE in the One who will never let me down

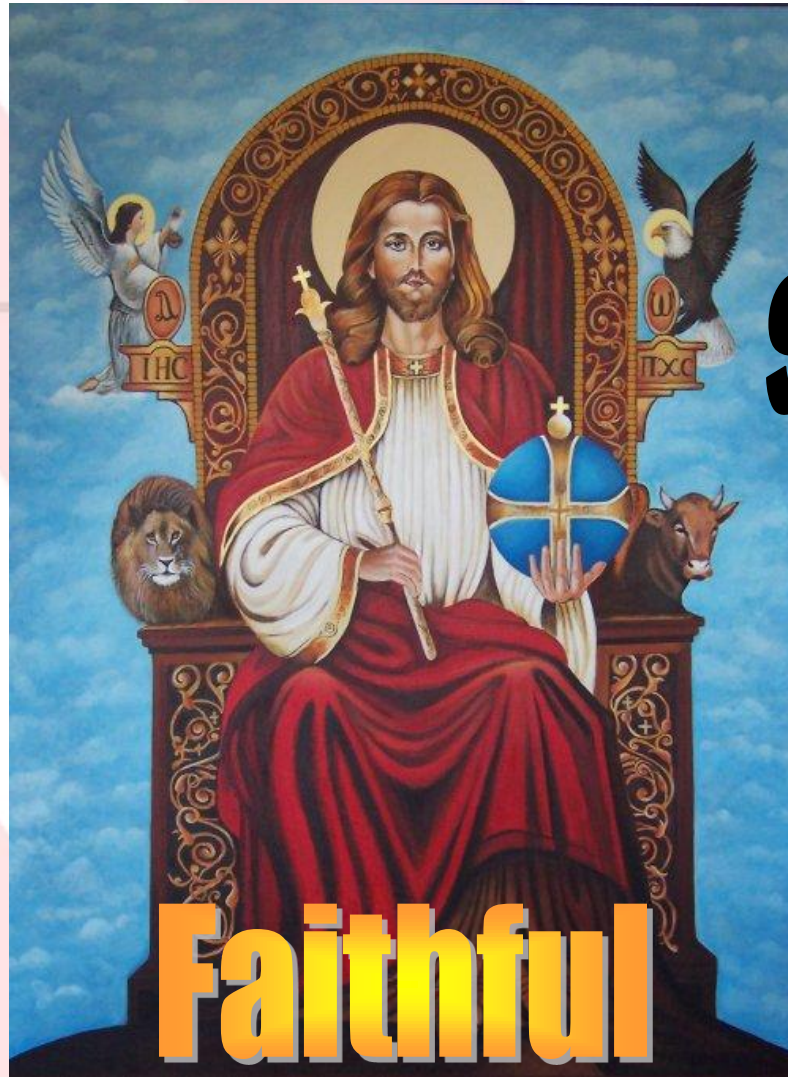
“Through the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “Therefore I hope in Him!” Lamentations 3:22-24

Can You See Clearly?



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