

Starting Fresh...
With New Mercy
Lamentations 3:22-33

Question: What are you in desperate need of in 2016?

“The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.”

Lamentations 3:25

Main Point: We cannot exhaust God’s love and mercy.

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:22-23

Point: In the middle of deep pain and problems, God is still with us.

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.”

Psalms 23:4

Point: Because God is good and faithful, we wait for Him.

How do I wait for God?

Come regularly into God's presence (present yourself), communicate directly with Him, seek counsel in His Word. Waiting is active- it is not sitting around hoping God will talk with you.

Point: It is good to accept the discipline of God.

Reminders in Suffering:

1. God's punishment is not eternal (Jeremiah 3:12-13)
2. God disciplines those He loves (Hebrews 12:3-11)
3. God refines us so our faith will not be shaken (Psalm 30:7)
4. God will not leave us or forsake us (Deut. 31:6; Jos 1:5; Ps. 94:14; Heb. 13:5-6)

What is God using *right now* to refine and discipline you? Are you refusing God's very means of refining and shaping you? Reach out and grab ahold of what you need- God's love and mercy!

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Next week: Starting Fresh...With a Transformed Mind