**HOPE WHEN YOU ARE HURTING**
**God Is – Part 1**
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**To lament something is to feel and express deep sorrow over it.**

**Lamentations 3:19-21 (NIV)** *"I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. [20] I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. [21] Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:"*

**Lamentations 3:22-23 (NLT)** *"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. [23] Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning."*

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
**Morning by morning <u>new mercies</u> I see**.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**God Is <u>Merciful</u>**

**<u>Related But Distinct Attributes of God</u>**
**Justice: when you get what you deserve**
**Grace: when you get what you don't deserve**
**Mercy: when you don't get what you do deserve**

**Ephesians 2:1-3 (NLT)** *"Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. [2] You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. [3] All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to **God's anger**, just like everyone else."*

**How can a loving God also be an angry God?**

**Ephesians 2:4-5 (NLT)** *"But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, [5] that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)"*

**The Good News is: We have a merciful God.**

**Some people don't understand God because their view of God starts in Genesis 3, and ends in Revelation 20.**

**Genesis 2:16-17 (NIV)** *"And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; [17] but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.'"*

**Revelation 21:5a (NIV)** *"He who was seated on the throne said, 'I Am making everything new!'"*

**2 Samuel 24:14 (NIV)** *"David said to Gad (the prophet), 'I am in deep distress. Let us fall into the hands of the Lord, for His mercy is great; but do not let me fall into human hands."*

**Exodus 25:17 (KJV)** *"And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof."*

**James 2:12-13 (NIV)** *"Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, [13] because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment."*

**Mercy is more kindness than justice deserves.**

**Romans 12:1 (NIV)** *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."*

**Worship is your focused attention on God.**

**Lamentations 3:22-23 (NLT)** *"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. [23] Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning."*

**Psalm 139:7-8 (NLT)** *"I can never escape from Your Spirit! I can never get away from Your presence! [8] If I go up to heaven, You are there; if I go down to the grave, You are there."*

**God's mercies are available for you today**.