

Title: Hope

Text: Lamentations 3:21-25

Target: Hope is not lost, because my story isn't over.

1. **Truth Anchors You:** *"But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope."* (Vs. 21)
 - a. **Preach to yourself:** *"call to mind"*
 - b. **Hope is a Choice:** *"I have hope"*
2. **Love Pursues You:** *"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;"* (Vs. 22)
 - a. **Doesn't Run Out:** *"Steadfast"*
 - b. **Love Doesn't Let Go:** *"Never Ceases"*
3. **Mercy Carries You:** *"his mercies never come to an end;"* (Vs. 22b)
 - a. **Definition of Mercy:** *"mercies"*
 - b. **Demonstration of Mercy:** *"never come to an end"*
 - i. Mercy rescues you from the punishment you deserved.
 - ii. Mercy removes the shame we carry.
 - iii. Mercy repairs what sin has broken.
 - iv. Mercy renews your strength when it is lost.
 - v. Mercy rerouted your life toward purpose.
 - vi. Mercy redefines your identity.
 - vii. Mercy reassures you that God will never give up on you.
4. **Faithfulness Restores You:** *"they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."* (Vs. 23)
 - a. **Keeps Showing Up:** *"new every morning"*
 - b. **Stays Steady No Matter What:** *"great is your faithfulness"*
5. **Provision Sustains You:** *"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."* (Vs. 24)
 - a. **Provides what Life Can't Give:** *"portion"*
 - b. **Provides what I Can't Lose:** *"hope"*
6. **Timing Never Fails You:** *"The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him."* (Vs. 25)
 - a. **Give Room for God to Work:** *"The Lord is good"*
 - b. **His Timing is always Perfect:** *"Wait for Him"*

Takeaway: I have Hope because Hope has me.