

Wake Union Baptist Church

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is proclaimed in truth and love"*

THE LORD'S DAY

January 24, 2021

Call to Worship *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* 182

Invocation

Welcome & Announcements

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Morning Prayer

Hymn *Be Still, My Soul*

Offertory Prayer


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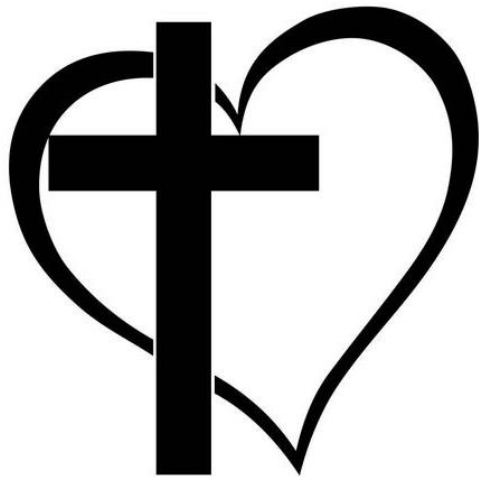
Sermon **STRONG HOPE** Pastor Joel
Lamentations 3:17-26

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Benediction



Praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord, my soul.
I will praise the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God
as long as I live.
Psalm 146:1-2



I See the Dew Glisten
 I see the dew glisten
 as a new day is born
 And I hear the birds sing
 on the wings of the morn
 As God wraps up the night
 and tucks it away
 And hangs out the sun
 to herald a new day—
 A day yet unblemished
 by what's gone before,
 A chance to begin
 and start over once more.

Compassion

BIBLE READING: [Mark 10:35-45](#)

How important is it to practice compassion?

BIBLE READING: [Mark 5:21-43](#)

KEY BIBLE VERSE: *Jesus ignored their comments and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just trust me."* ([Mark 5:36](#))

Jesus demonstrated compassion. Jesus not only demonstrated great power; He also showed tremendous compassion. Jesus' power over nature, evil spirits, and death was motivated by compassion—for a demon-possessed man who lived among tombs, for a diseased woman, and for the family of a dead girl. The rabbis of the day considered such people unclean. Polite society avoided them. But Jesus reached out and helped anyone in need.

BIBLE READING: [Mark 2:1-12](#)

KEY BIBLE VERSE: *Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My son, your sins are forgiven."* ([Mark 2:5](#))

Jesus responded to compassion in others. The paralytic's need moved his friends to action, and they brought him to Jesus. When you recognize someone's need, do you act? Many people have physical and spiritual needs you can meet, either by yourself or with others who are also concerned. Human need moved these four men; let it also move you to compassionate action.

BIBLE READING: [Job 6:1-30](#)

KEY BIBLE VERSE: *One should be kind to a fainting friend, but you have accused me without the slightest fear of the Almighty.* ([Job 6:14](#))

Compassion goes beyond words. Job said that Eliphaz's advice was like eating the tasteless white of an egg. When people are going through severe trials, ill-advised counsel is distasteful. They may listen politely, but inside they are upset. Be slow to give advice to those who are hurting. They often need compassion more than they need advice.

BIBLE READING: [Lament. 3:1-66](#)

KEY BIBLE VERSE: *The unfailing love of the Lord never ends! By his mercies we have been kept from complete destruction.* ([Lament. 3:22](#))

God is compassionate. Jeremiah saw one ray of hope in all the sin and sorrow surrounding him: "The unfailing love of the Lord never ends! By his mercies we have been kept from complete destruction." God willingly responds with help when we ask. Perhaps there is some sin in your life that you thought God would not forgive. God's steadfast love and mercy are greater than any sin, and He promises forgiveness.

Handbook of Bible Application

God is compassionate because He loves you, and that is written all throughout the Bible. Trust Him! He will never let you down.

Prayer Request Updates

Our Nation – Protection, healing, and especially turning to the Lord Jesus.	Coronavirus victims and those grieving over the loss of loved ones.
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Suffering

1. How can I feel better when I'm hurting?
2. Why do bad things happen?
3. Why do people suffer?
4. Why am I suffering?

Answer the Questions above, by looking at the Scriptures below:

- Deuteronomy 4:30
- Matthew 24:21
- John 16:33
- Acts 14:22
- Romans 5:3
- 1 Thessalonians 3:4
- Revelation 2:9
- Revelation 7:14

After you're finished, read the text at the bottom of the page.

Suffering is a part of life, even for people who love God,
because of sin. Evil in the world brings suffering with it. But
God cares about every hurt. Whenever you hurt, let God
comfort you.

Sermon Points on Lamentations 3

1. Suffering for Sin (17-20)
2. Sufficiency of Strength (21-23)
3. Salvation of Soul (24-26)

Questions and Concepts

When the Events of This Book Happened
Jerusalem was destroyed in 586 b.c.

The Chaldean (Babylonian) army under Nebuchadnezzar came against Jerusalem three times before the city was finally destroyed. The first siege (605 b.c.), at which King Jehoiakim surrendered, resulted in his becoming a vassal of Babylon.

Nebuchadnezzar looted the temple and deported a number of the nobility, such as Daniel and his friends ([Dan. 1:1-7](#)). The second siege (597 b.c.), at which King Jehoiachin surrendered, resulted in his deportation to Babylon along with 10,000 others, including Ezekiel ([2 Kgs. 24:8-17](#); [Ezek. 1:1-3](#)). The third siege (586 b.c.), at which Zedekiah, the last king, surrendered, resulted in Zedekiah's deportation to Babylon, along with many others ([Jer. 52](#)). The temple and city were plundered and burned on August 14, 586 b.c.

