



# LAMENTATIONS

*DARK CLOUDS, DEEP MERCY*

**God is Righteous Judge and  
Restorer**



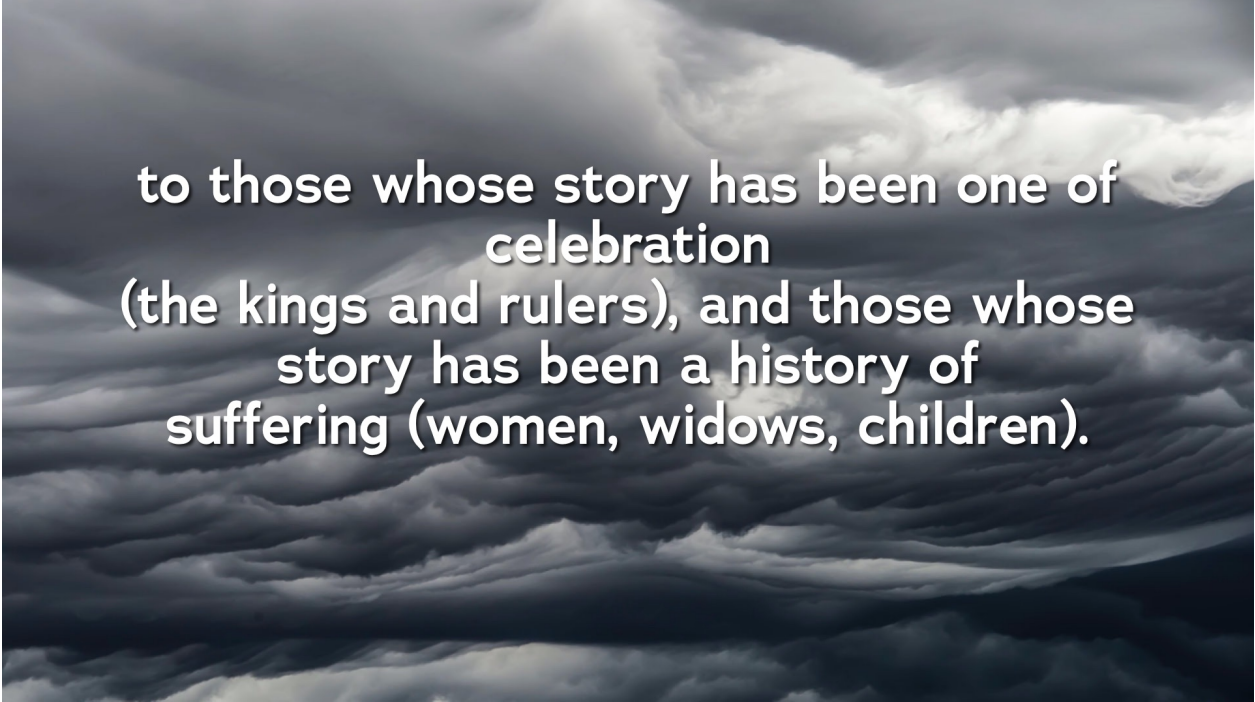
**“Repetition is the key to  
understanding.”**






- 1. Structure**
- 2. Start**
- 3. Situation**

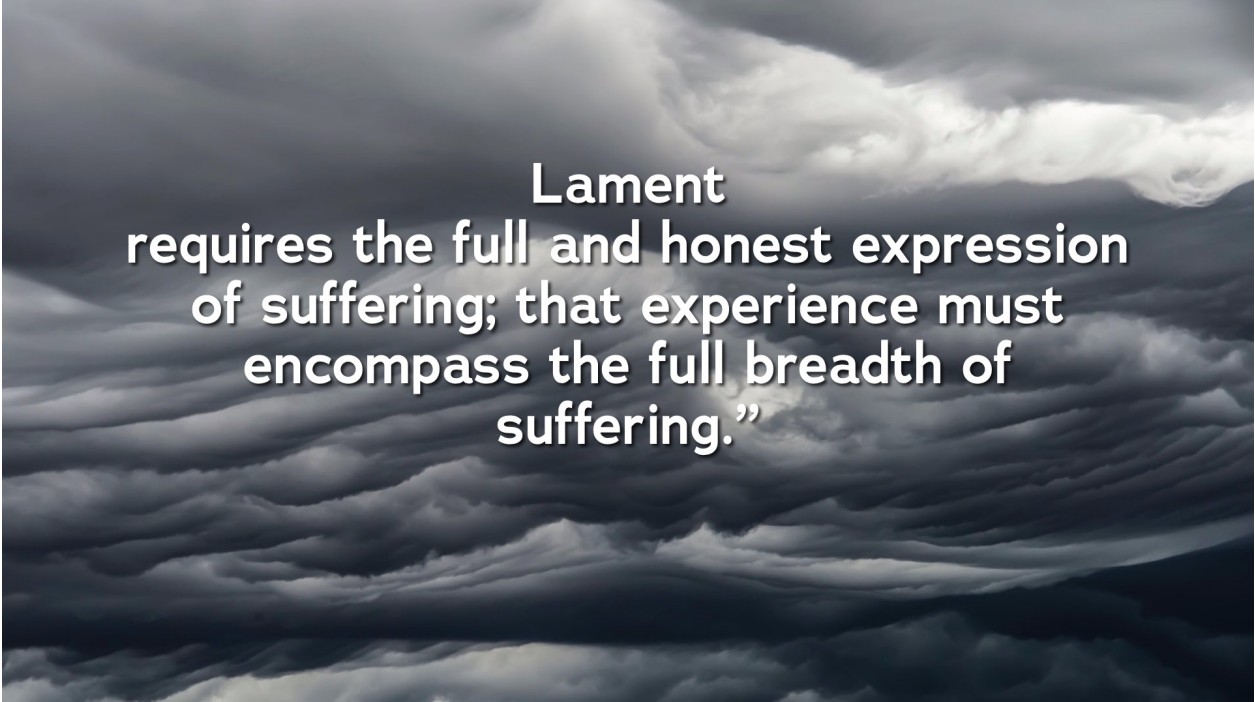




to those whose story has been one of  
celebration  
(the kings and rulers), and those whose  
story has been a history of  
suffering (women, widows, children).



Lamentations recognizes that  
individual voices from the full range of  
citizens must be heard.



Lament  
requires the full and honest expression  
of suffering; that experience must  
encompass the full breadth of  
suffering.”



**Suffering is not abstract, it is very  
tangible.**





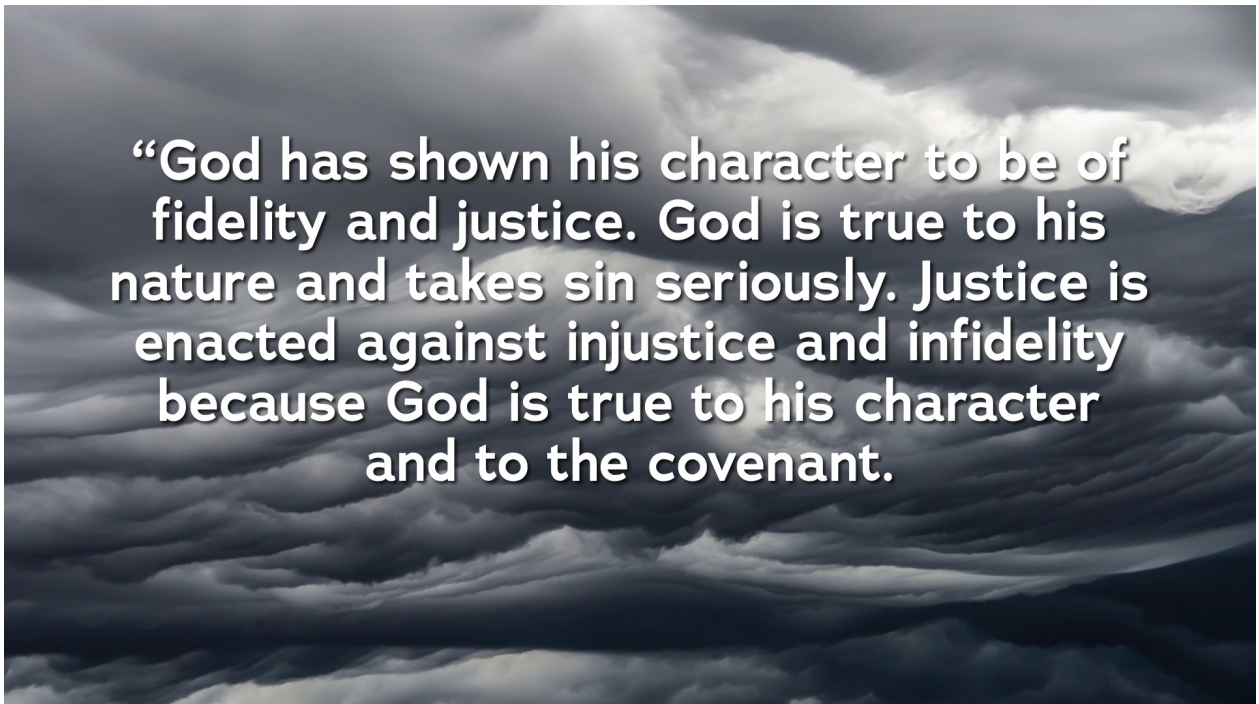
**Suffering is not just a footnote; it is a headline.**



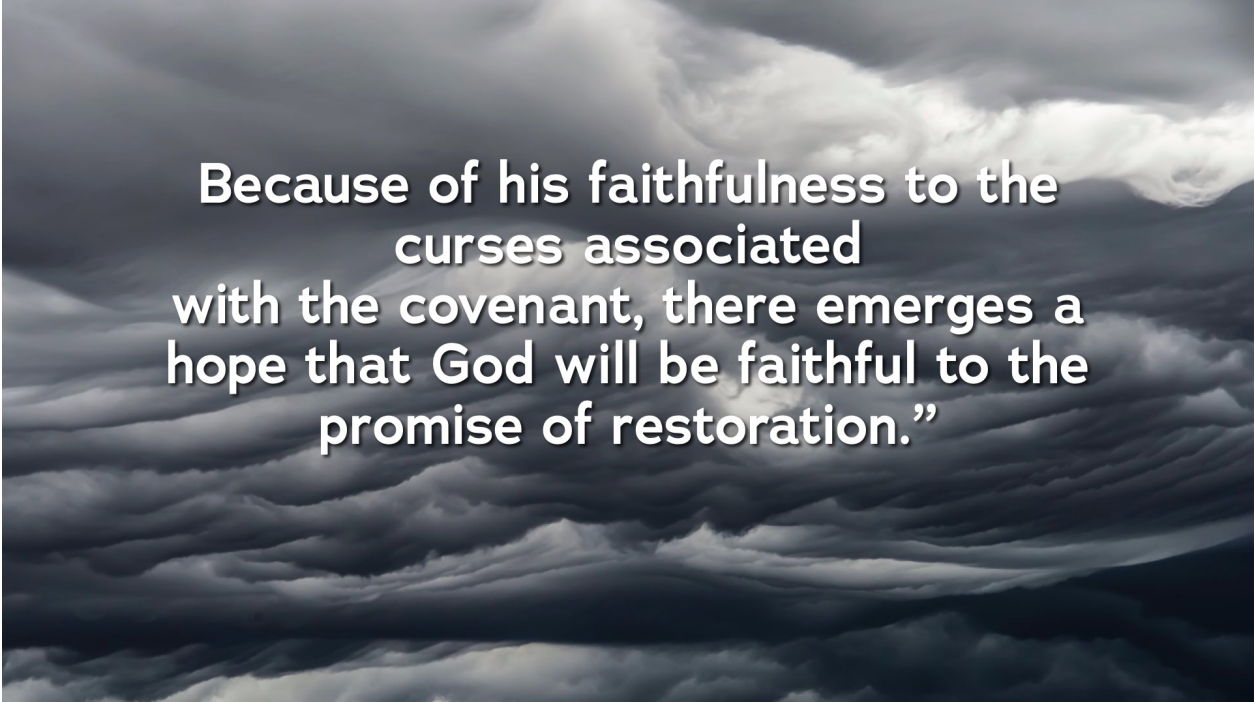
**Lament is not one size fits all.**



**People still turn to God for restoration.**



**“God has shown his character to be of fidelity and justice. God is true to his nature and takes sin seriously. Justice is enacted against injustice and infidelity because God is true to his character and to the covenant.**”



Because of his faithfulness to the  
curses associated  
with the covenant, there emerges a  
hope that God will be faithful to the  
promise of restoration.”



**In this season of Lent, as we fast and  
pray, consider making confession and  
repentance part of your practice.**



**What do we do if we don't like what God has to say? Pray and process with a trusted believer.**



**Reach out to someone you know who is grieving. Listen to them. If you need words, you can say: You are grieving but you are not lamenting alone.**