

LIES THAT WE BELIEVE

DEC 27TH

"MY FAILURES FOREVER DEFINE ME"
LAMENTATIONS 3:17-23 (NLT)



START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Did you make any New Year's resolutions?
- Do you recall anything you believed as a child that was later found not to be true?

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- Lamentations was written during a horrific period in Israel's history.
- Read Lamentations 3:17-23.
- Despite everything going on in the writer's world, where does he find hope?

START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Hope is dependent upon who God is rather than what we can do for ourselves.
- What are some practical ways we remember to keep our hope in God?
- Lamenting is healthy and acknowledges reality, that life is painful and, at the same time, God is still good.
- What is something you lamented in 2020?
- Some of Israel's greatest moments come after confession and repentance. Confession and repentance also helps the lie that our failures define us to not take root in our lives.
- What are some of the ways we practice confession and repentance as individuals? As the community of faith together?

START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Loving God, in the midst of turbulent, unsettling, chaotic and scary times, may we find our hope in You. As we lament, as we cry, as we scream to the heavens in anger, you are there, still working to bring about a world where there will be no more pain or injustice ever again. May you Holy Spirit speak daily into our lives words of hope, of peace, and of the fact we are your beloved children. Amen

START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK

- Check out this three-day devotion from the book of Lamentations for more: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/21830-the-book-of-lamentations>.