



Men's Huddle
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A. Introduction

1. Lamentations is the saddest book in the OT. The year is 586 B.C.

“On August 14 of that year...Nebuzaradan, commander of the imperial guard, an official of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. He set fire to the temple of the Lord, the royal palace, and all the houses of Jerusalem...broke down the walls around Jerusalem...carried into exile the people who remained in the city.”
2 Kings 25:8-11

2. Yet, Jeremiah, the godly prophet and the author of Lamentations demonstrates a remarkable faith in the face of disaster and death.

I. Faith is rugged _____ on the _____ of God.

A. Vs. 25 “Whose hope is in Him”

Biblically hope isn't _____; it is a confident _____, an assurance, a dependence that something will in fact come to pass.

B. But dependence on what? The incredible _____ of God (vs. 22-25).

Great solutions to great problems require great _____ on the great _____ of God.

C. God could have kept all this from happening, but he didn't. Jeremiah knew that God has a _____ behind every _____.
You will never know God is all you need until God is all you've _____

D. Theological consideration: vv. 38-39

This is a beautiful affirmation of the _____ of God.

It was his vision of the _____ of God that fueled his rugged dependence on God.

II. Bold, rugged faith is marked by an unquenchable _____ for the _____ of God (vs. 25b)

The Hebrew word seek is _____; it's the idea of examining, searching, inquiring.

A. Non-Christians, according to the Bible, don't seek God. Paul says in Romans 3:11: "no one seeks God." Here Jeremiah is describing what _____ do. Note: to be a believer is to be a person that seeks God.

B. But, in addition, this is a major problem area for believing _____. We seek success, problem-resolution, but often not _____.

C. For Jeremiah, this passion was activated in _____.
Jeremiah plowed thru his pain by prayer.

III. Finally, faith according to Jeremiah is submission to the _____ of God (vs.26).

A. Note the word _____

B. Submission is one part _____

C. Submission is another part _____
The worst type of pain isn't the pain of grieving, it's the pain of _____

Think about this as we move into 2010, faith isn't asking God to comfort you, it's asking God to _____, whether he _____ you or not.

Discussion Questions:

1. Jeremiah's situation was awful. His faith wonderful. What's the take away for you?
2. What does it mean for God to be sovereign; to be without sin, yet for Him to allow bad stuff to touch our lives? What do you believe about the sovereignty of God in light of Lam. 3?
3. Of the three areas of faith: dependence, passion and submission, is one more of an issue than the others for you?