

Share Life Sunday

I am experimenting with something new today. If you have the Logos or FaithLife Bible app, click the following link and set up a connection with the church.

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2 Keys to Unlocking God's Favor in YOUR Life

Lamentations 3:21–24 (NKJV): This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope.

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The two keys to unlocking God's favor in your life are found in verse 25

La 3:25 (NKJV) — 25 The Lord is good to those who *wait* for Him, To the soul who *seeks* Him.

- 1) **Wait** for the Lord
- 2) **Seek** the Lord.

SAY IT!!

Verse 21 tells us what we have to do regarding the following five verses.

Lamentations 3:21 (NKJV): This I *recall* to my *mind*, *Therefore I have hope*.

These verses are verses to give you hope and confidence regardless of what you may see with your eyes or what you may be going through.

- I. Let's **meditate** today on just one verse so that we may be able to recall it in our minds in times of stress or trouble and not lose hope.

Memorize this by repeating it

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Now the study

A. La 3:25 (NKJV) — 25 The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him.

1. Who is good? The LORD.
2. Notice first the second word in verse 25. What does it reveal? (It is in all caps. It is the holy name of God.
 - a. Meaning Yahweh or Jehovah)
3. **Who is Yahweh? Yahweh** is
 - a. the creator of the universe.
 - b. It reveals he is not a man that he would lie.
 - c. He is the one who watches over his word to perform it.
4. What are we saying about the Lord?

B. La 3:25 (NKJV) — 25 The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him.

- a. **The Lord is what? GOOD, all the time and all the time God is good**
- b. How good?
 - (1) Yahweh “Eternal God”
 - (a) Yahweh good
 - (b) eternally good
 - (c) His mercy endures forever!
 - (2) El Shaddai “Almighty God”
 - (a) Almighty good,
 - (b) no weapon formed against you
 - (3) Adonai “Lord God”
 - (a) Adonai good
 - (b) Lord of lords and King of Kings –
 - (c) no man shall overrule you,
 - (d) you were created to be the head and not the tail
 - (4) Jireh “the Lord will provide”
 - (a) Jireh good
 - (b) he will provide what you need
 - (5) Rapha “the Lord who heals”
 - (a) Rapha good
 - (b) he will heal you when you are sick
 - (6) Nissi “the Lord is my Banner”
 - (a) Nissi good
 - (b) he will lead you to victory in the battle of life
 - (7) Shalom “the Lord is peace”
 - (a) shalom good
 - (b) peace in the midst of any storm
 - (8) Rohi “the Lord is my shepherd”
 - (a) Rohi good
 - (b) he is your shepherd and will lead you in the valley and the shadow of death
 - (9) Shammah “the Lord is there”

- (a) Shammah good
- (b) he is your Immanuel. He will never leave you
- (10) Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh "I am who I am"
 - (a) Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh good
 - (b) he am what you need him to be
- c. ***La 3:21–24 (NKJV) — 21 This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. 22 Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 24 “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “Therefore I hope in Him!”***
- C. **La 3:25 (NKJV) — 25 The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him.**
 - 1. He has no respect for a person's status in life. He is good to anyone who will wait for him.
 - 2. Those is plural. It doesn't matter who they are. Rich or poor, black or white, they are precious in his sight.
 - 3. Jesus referred to it as "whosoever", why because God so loved!
- D. **La 3:25 (NKJV) — 25 The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him.**
 - 1. What do we mean by wait?
 - a. Waiting, not doing. Our eyes are on you.
 - (1) Peter did not get off the boat until Jesus told him to.
 - (2) Moses did not part the Red Sea, until God told him to.
 - (3) Waiting means taking no action.
 - b. Waiting, not talking.
 - (1) stop talking, listen to the Lord.
 - (2) We spend too much time jabbering, and not enough time watching.
 - c. This is not prayer!
 - d. This is silence. Be still and know that I am god. It is simply waiting.
 - (1) Far too often, we spend our time asking and not waiting to get an answer.
 - 2. To wait is an act of faith. Faith is my God is looking for.
 - 3. Jacob wrestled on teal his hip was touched. Then, all he could do was hold on. He held on and waited until the Lord blessed him.
 - 4. Remember the Canaanite woman who asked Jesus to heal her daughter? She waited. She would not leave until he blessed her!
 - a. It was not enough for her to talk to the disciples.
 - b. Not enough to talk to his preachers. She had to talk to him. She waited on him to respond as her Rapha.
 - 5. Remember blind Bartimaeus?
 - a. He had called out and waited on Jesus to call him.
 - 6. ***Ps 27:14 (NKJV) — 14 Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!***

7. **Is 40:31 (NKJV) — 31 But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength;**
 - a. **They shall mount up with wings like eagles,**
 - b. **They shall run and not be weary,**
 - c. **They shall walk and not faint.**
 - d. **Who are the they?**
8. *Heb 6:11–12 (NKJV) — 11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*
9. **Ro 8:25 (ESV) — 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.**
10. *Jas 1:3–4 (NKJV) — 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.*
11. **Ps 37:7 (NKJV) — 7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.**
12. **Ps 37:9 (NKJV) — 9 For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the Lord, They shall inherit the earth.**
13. **Ps 37:34 (NKJV) — 34 Wait on the Lord, And keep His way, And He shall exalt you to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.**
- E. **La 3:25 (NKJV) — 25 The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him.**
 1. **Is 30:18 (NKJV) — 18 Therefore the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.**
 2. Who is him? Him is the Lord!
- F. **La 3:25 (NKJV) — 25 The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him.**
 1. Soul – Your mind, your will, and your emotions
 - a. meaning with all your heart.
 2. Soul – your very life
- G. **La 3:25 (NKJV) — 25 The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him.**
 1. How are we to seek the Lord? Principally three ways code
 - a. We seek him **in prayer and meditation**
 - b. We seek him **in his word**
 - c. We seek him **in His church**
 2. We seek him in **prayer and meditation**
 - a. Call unto me and I will tell you
 3. We seek him **in his word**
 - a. The scriptures tell of him. We must search the Scriptures to find him.
 4. We seek him **in His church**. The church is the pillar of truth in the world. It is where he has promised to do great things!
 - a. Two or more gathered in my name, the presence of the Lord is there and whatever you agree on, will be done by Christ

- b. **Mt 18:19–20 (NKJV) — 19 “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”**

c.

There is power in the church with others that is not in the home when one is alone

- d. There I am in the midst of them.
- (1) how can you gather on one accord unless you are gathered.
 - (2) Prayer is more effective in the church when believers are gathered together.
- e. Instances of the power of the church.
- (1) **After Peter and John were arrested** for preaching about Jesus, the believers gathered together and prayed for boldness to continue sharing the Gospel. The place where they were gathered shook, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 4:23-31
 - (2) **While Paul and Silas were imprisoned in Philippi**, they prayed and sang hymns. A great earthquake shook the prison, the doors were opened, and their chains were loosed, leading to the conversion of the jailer and his household. Acts 16:25-34
 - (3) **When King Herod arrested Peter**, the church gathered and prayed fervently for his release. God sent an angel to free Peter from prison, and he went to the house where they were praying. Acts 12:5-17
 - (4) After the death of Dorcas (also known as Tabitha), the believers in Joppa sent for Peter. He prayed and, through God’s power, Dorcas was raised from the dead. Acts 9:36-43
 - (5) Cornelius, a centurion, and Peter had a church service and as Peter preached the Holy Spirit came upon Gentiles for the first time. Acts 10:44-46
- f. This is where the majority of Christians miss seeking God.
- (1) **They don’t come to church** because of various attitudes and reasons. Now, you name some of the reasons?
 - (2) You have been commanded to come to church, regardless of the reasons! Hebrews 10:25
 - (a) Forsake, not the fellowship!
- g. On the day of Pentecost, if you have not been there, you would not have receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit
- h. Thomas, missed church the first Sunday and miss seeing



Jesus.

- (1) How many of you are missing God because you were watching online?
- i. Those who stay at home and can attend concerts, baseball games, birthday parties, high school reunions, business meetings and disregard what Jesus gave his life for will have to give an account to God for their disrespect to his church

Don't Disrespect Christ's Church, He Gave His Life For It!

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- II. Now wait on the Lord and seek him. These two disciplines are keys to unlocking God's favor in your life!
- III. "Want Miracles in Your Life? Master These Two Spiritual Disciplines!   "

They are game changing!

Additional thoughts not necessary for message

1. ***Am 5:4 (NKJV) — 4 For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel: “Seek Me and live;***
- 2.

IV.

- A. Promises to the patient waiting Christian.
- B. “And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence, to the full assurance of hope unto the end, that ye be not slothful, but followers of them, who through faith and patience inherit the promises;” Heb. 6:11, 12.
- C. “Knowing that the trying of your faith worketh patience; but let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing;” James 1:3, 4.
- D. “Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord;”. Psal. 27:14.
- E. “Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him—Those that wait on the Lord shall inherit the earth. Wait on the Lord, and keep his way; he shall exalt thee to inherit the land;” Psal. 37:7. 9. 34.
- F. “Wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee;” Prov. 20:22.
- G. “Blessed are all they that wait for him;” Isa. 30:18.
- H. “They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not be faint;” Isa. 40:31.
- I. “They shall not be ashamed that wait for me;” Isa. 49:23.
- J. “The Lord is good to them that wait for him; to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should hope, and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord;” Lam. 3:25, 26.
- K. “But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience, wait for it;” Rom. 8:25.
- L. “For we, through the Spirit wait for the hope, of righteousness by faith;” Gal. 5:5.
- M. “The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ;” 2 Thess. 3:5.
- N. “To them who by patient continuance in well doing, seek for glory, honour and immortality, eternal life;” Rom. 2:7.
- O. “Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye may inherit the promise;” Heb. 10:36.
- P.

V. Finding the confidence to make it through life’s storms

VI. Two disciplines to experience, miraculous deliverance

VII. Two disciplines to experience the supernatural

VIII. Two things

- IX. before you were born, you were with God. In this life, your purpose is to seek God again. The real purpose of life is not to acquire material wealth, but to experience spiritual wealth.

- X.
- XI. Prayer is the path that leads to God
- XII. My house shall be known as a house of prayer**
- XIII. *Mt 21:13 (NKJV) — 13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' "***
- XIV.**
- XV. Seek the lord
- XVI. Wait on the lord
- XVII. Ask in prayer
- XVIII. Material wealth does not mean a successful life, but a devotion to prayer does
- XIX. Do not allow the cares of the world rob you of your fellowship with your God
- XX. Acquiring the knowledge of the world will never compare to acquiring the knowledge of our god
- XXI. The real purpose of your life to glorify God, and enjoy him forever!
- XXII. You glorify him by waiting for him and seeking him.
- XXIII.