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**Lamentations 3:1-3**

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**Lamentations 3:22-24**

“22Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. 23They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 24I say to myself, ‘The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.’”

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“25The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; 26it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. 27It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young.”

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