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On The Edge of Hope

Lamentations 5:1: "Remember, Lord, what has happened to us; look, and see our disgrace."

Lamentations 5:20: "Why do you always forget us? Why do you forsake us so long?"

Lamentations 5:3: "We have become fatherless; our mothers are widows."

Lamentations 5:7: "Our ancestors sinned and are no more, and we bear their punishment."

Lamentations 5:15,16: "Joy is gone from our hearts; our dancing has turned to mourning. The crown has fallen from our head. Woe to us, for we have sinned!"

Lamentations 5:19-22: "Why do you always forget us? Why do you forsake us so long? Restore us to yourself, Lord, that we may return; renew our days as of old unless you have utterly rejected us and are angry with us beyond measure."

Stages of Grief

Denial

Anger

Bargaining

Depression

Acceptance

Re-deemer

Re-storer

Re-newer

Isaiah 40:1,2: "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem"

Isaiah 66:13: "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted."

Isaiah 41:9, 10: "I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 49:14-16(NLT): "Yet Jerusalem says, 'The Lord has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us.' 'Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you! See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands.'"

Isaiah 43:16(VOICE): "This is what the Eternal One says, *the One who does the impossible*, the One who makes a path through the sea."