**Message: How Long, O Lord?**

***Revelation 21:1-4***

*Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.*

*3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”*

Creation

Fall

Redemption

Restoration

***Psalm 10:1***

*Why, O LORD, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?*

***Psalm 77:7-9***

*7“Will the Lord reject forever?  
    Will he never show his favor again?  
8Has his unfailing love vanished forever?  
    Has his promise failed for all time?  
9Has God forgotten to be merciful?  
    Has he in anger withheld his compassion?”*

Lament is the bridge between pain and praise.

Turn

Complain

Ask

Trust

**Psalm 13**

***1*** *How long, O LORD ? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?*

***2*** *How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?*

***3*** *Look on me and answer, O LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death;*

***4*** *my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.*

***5*** *But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.*

***6*** *I will sing to the LORD, for he has been good to me.*

***Lamentations 3:19-24***

*19I remember my affliction and my wandering,  
    the bitterness and the gall.  
20I well remember them,  
    and my soul is downcast within me.  
21Yet this I call to mind  
    and therefore I have hope:*

*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.”*