SERIES - The Power of a Song V
God Is Faithful, 6/28/26
Lamentations 3:19-24
Great Is Thy Faithfulness by Thomas Chisholm

Verse 1 - *Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;*
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Chorus - *Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness,*
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Verse *2* - *Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,*
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Verse 3 - *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,*
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.

I. Background to Lamentations
- The prophet Jeremiah lamented the fall of Jerusalem and the exile of the Jews in Babylon in 586 BC
- He attributed it to the sins of the nation for turning away from God
- He also proclaimed the mercy and faithfulness of God

II. What It Means that God is Faithful
- Faithful = being steadfast, loyal, and true; a consistent dedication to a person, cause, or promise
- God never changes

III. Lessons From the Hymn
- We have the assurance that God loves us; that he always hears our prayers; that he provides his Spirit to guide and comfort us; that he transforms us to be more like Jesus; and he will take us home to be with him in eternity.
- Just as nature follows unchanging patterns and laws, so we can count on God to never change or act out of character
- God demonstrated his faithfulness toward us by forgiving us and washing away our sins
- God's Spirit will bring us comfort, joy, and encouragement in times of difficulty

God gives us an abundance of blessings. If we focus more on the blessings of life than the negatives, we will have a more joyful heart.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Lamentations 3:19-23 - The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! **20** My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. **21** But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: **22** The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end. **23** they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. **24** "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.