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The “*This*” that Gives Us Hope (Four truths to consider as we face the new year)

“Remember my afflictions and my wanderings...My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope.” (v. 21)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Lamentations 3:19-26

¹⁹ Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! ²⁰ My soul continually remembers 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.” ²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

“...if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.”
—2 Timothy 2:13

What we trust in:

Faithfulness...in the context of lament (What it does not mean)

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“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.” (v. 22, NIV)

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“...his mercies never come to an end.” (v. 22)

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“...they are new every morning...” (v. 23)

4.

“...great is your faithfulness.” (v. 23)