



*But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

*- Lamentations 3:21–23*

**DEVOTIONAL**

Holy Saturday is the day nobody markets. No parade, no sermon, no resolution. Just the quiet after loss. The waiting before joy. The in-between.

I wonder how many of us live here more than we let on. Not in crisis exactly, but not okay either. Somewhere between the diagnosis and the healing. Between the grief and the first laugh that doesn't feel like a betrayal. Between the prayer and whatever comes next. Most of us know this place. We just don't have a name for it.

Lamentations was written by someone who had watched everything fall apart. And into that wreckage the poet does something unexpected. He turns his attention. Yet this I call to mind. Not because anything has changed. Not because the rubble has cleared. But because God's mercies are new every morning, and that is just enough to keep going. This is not optimism. It is something harder and quieter than optimism. It is a way of surviving without going numb.

Holy Saturday teaches patient faith. Keep breathing. Keep showing up. Trust that God is still working even when you cannot see it, and maybe especially then.

Hope might look very small today. Getting out of bed. Texting someone you've been meaning to reach. Praying one sentence. God, keep me. That is enough. It really is.

This is a holy day for anyone who feels stuck.

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Light a candle. Sit with it for three minutes and pray, "God, meet me in the in-between."

## CLOSING PRAYER

God of the quiet day, hold me when I cannot see what comes next. Give me courage to wait, and strength to hope in small ways. Stay near. Amen.

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