



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Messenger

“PROCLAIM CHRIST, MAKE DISCIPLES, SERVE THE LORD”

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Paul's

Last week at the women's Bible class I said something that got a reaction I did not expect. Our topic was about worry and what to do about it. One of the readings in our study was in Lamentations 3:22 *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end.* Chapter 3 is the bases of the Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness." After reading this chapter I told everyone that they had homework this week. They were asked to read the book of Lamentations. I never liked homework either but I didn't expect all 9 people to moan and groan about it. It was really funny, they complained like when I taught middle school kids. They changed their tune when they found out it is only 5 chapters.

The reason I bring this up is that often the thing that we need the most, the thing that may bless our lives, we may not always want to do in the moment. The book of Lamentations is written by Jeremiah to the people of Israel right after the temple was destroyed. They needed to repent and change their ways. But this message is understandable when you see Chapter 3 in context of the whole story in the book.

Don't miss out on the blessing. Don't miss out on seeing how great the Father's love is for us all. Time spent in the Word of God may not always be clear to you when you read it, but you need it. Time spent can fill you with the peace of God. Time spent can remind you why you have the Hope you have. Give those moments to the Lord and allow that Word of God to fill you with an understanding that can be found nowhere else.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor David Hardin