

# **Welcome to Kev's on-line eGroup**

**The e-Glue that helps with the glitter**

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### Here Comes Church – “In the know”

- Interested in serving at Elevation Church: See: [www.elevationchurch.cc](http://www.elevationchurch.cc)
- Please consider joining an eGroup (small group) so you don't have to walk this walk alone – See [www.elevationchurch.cc](http://www.elevationchurch.cc). The “e” stands for empowerment - because getting the instructions from God without having the empowerment to live them out will frustrate you. These groups are our way of putting some very wonderful people in front of you feed you spiritually.
- Stay out of “isolation silos” - you are an easy target for the enemy – and you don't have the benefit of friends to support you. Embrace the power of numbers.
- Interested in leading an eGroup? See: [www.elevationchurch.cc](http://www.elevationchurch.cc)
- Don't over-think it – Invite someone to church – “Who do you know that is close to you that is far from God?”
- What are your Gr8ful eight?
- K-Love and Elevation Workshop at Red Rocks in CO in August 2025
- Elevation Nights is back: Elevation Nights is hitting the road again and we're coming to a city near you from October 21st through the 30th, 2025 - we're going to be in St. Paul, Omaha, St Louis, Louisville, Duluth, Tampa, Miami, and Orlando.

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Lamentations 3:17-24

17 And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgot prosperity.

18 **And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the Lord:**

19 Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.

20 My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

21 This I recall to my mind, **therefore have I hope.**

22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

24 The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; **therefore will I hope in him.**

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1 Kings 19:9-19

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15 And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

### Revelation 12:7-11

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Awesome opening prayer on Sept. 14, 2025: "I want to pray a pastoral prayer over you like I so often do from this pulpit. I realize that you may be carrying more weight than normal this week. But God is still strong, able, capable, mighty, and sovereign. He never leaves His throne for a moment. We're reminded on weeks like these that tomorrow is not promised. So we have to give God the worship He's worthy of today. We're reminded as we look around this great house, this ministry that God is building, that we're in this together. That the name that unites us will always be stronger than anything that divides us because Jesus is our King. I said Jesus is our King. I'm going to say it one more time. Jesus is our King. I don't know about you, but the world's always been crazy, but He's always been King, and He's still King. So when you don't know what to do, when you don't know what to say, when you don't know why, when your words fail, maybe you just put the weight on him because he's worthy. One name. Always worthy."

# **Part 1: Detailed sermon notes**

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Elevation Church Sermon Notes – “Same Lies New Loops” by Pastor Furtick - September 14, 2025

## Sermon Highlights

- Sometimes you have to change what you say to yourself.
- The enemy isn't creative, but he's consistent. The devil only has two lies that he tells: “It's not enough” and “You're not loved.”
- How do we get from “I had hoped” to “I have hope”?
- When you change what you say, you'll change what you see.
- You cannot be full of bitterness if you expect to be filled with peace. You have help!
- When the enemy lies to you, he's loud because he can't get to you. When God tells you the truth, He whispers because He's close to you.
- New loop: It's not about circling your hurt, it's about summoning your help.

## Scriptures

- Lamentations 3:17-24
- 1 Kings 19:9-19
- Revelation 12:7-11

## Sermon Discussion

- “The enemy isn't creative, but he's consistent. The devil only has two lies that he tells: ‘It's not enough’ and ‘You're not loved.’” Which of these lies has the enemy used most to keep you in a loop, and how have you stayed anchored in God's truth when it gets loud?
- “It's not about circling your hurt, it's about summoning your help.” Share a time you were able to move from circling your hurt to summoning God's help.
- Revelation 12:11 says they triumphed over the enemy by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony. Share a testimony of something God has helped you overcome today.
- “When you change what you say, you'll change what you see.” What have you been telling yourself that needs to change so you can gain a better perspective?
- “When the enemy lies to you, he's loud because he can't get to you. When God tells you the truth, He whispers because He's close to you.” What makes it hard to discern God's whisper in a noisy world? What's helped you hear Him better?

Prayer Prompt: Pastor Steven asked, “How do we get from ‘I had hope’ to ‘I have hope’?” What's one challenge you're facing this week that you'll actively choose to have hope in? We thank God for this week's message and the time spent in group together. We pray that everyone would continue to place their hope in God this week as they keep their eyes fixed on Him. Pray for the strength to start changing what they say so they can see victory over the enemy's lies.”

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AI generated recap of sermon:

Same Lies, New Loops: Hope, Help, and Truth

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## Overview

- A worship-driven sermon launches a six-week series titled “Same lies, new loops,” encouraging believers to exalt Jesus amid a difficult national week, reject recurring lies from the enemy, and embrace God’s renewing truth. Drawing on Lamentations 3:17–24, Genesis, 1 Kings 19, and Revelation 12, the message contrasts “circling your hurt” with “summoning your help,” urges changing self-talk to align with God’s Word, and culminates in a call to salvation.
- Worship and Communal Encouragement
- Corporate exaltation of Jesus’ names and attributes (Savior, Healer, Redeemer, Lord), with declarations that there is healing freedom, and salvation in His name.

## Context and Pastoral Prayer

- Acknowledges a heavy, difficult week nationally; reminds that God is sovereign, strong, and always on the throne; tomorrow is not promised—worship today.
- Emphasis on communal unity in the “great house” God is building; the name of Jesus unites beyond anything that divides.
- Welcome to EFAM (Elevation Family) globally, with recognition that tragedies occur worldwide; commitment to bring Jesus into every situation.
- Series Theme and Setup: “Same lies, new loops”
- Word received in prayer to guide the next six weeks; visualized as an infinity loop: the enemy repeats the same lies, but God provides new loops of truth and mercy “new every morning.”
- Personal anecdotes: Holly (the pastor’s wife) as a loving, gifted teacher and encourager, but a “terrible liar”; family game “Out of the Loop” illustrates how deception operates when one tries to pretend to know.

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- Theological contrast: God cannot lie; the devil cannot tell the truth (John 8). The enemy is not creative but consistent—he repeats limited lies until they sound like our own thoughts.
- Identifying the Enemy's Two Recurring Lies
- Lie 1: “It's not enough.”
- Before sin: “It's no big deal,” undermining God's power in you to resist.
- After sin: “Grace and the blood of Jesus are not enough,” undermining forgiveness and renewal.
- Daily scarcity loop: not enough time, money, sleep, or energy—leading to performance-based identity.
- Lie 2: “You are not loved.”
- Scarcity breeds shame and isolation; relationships feel like demands, not supply.
- Core identity becomes tethered to output rather than Christ's sufficiency and love.
- Foundational tactic since Genesis: “Did God really say?”—questioning God's clear word and our God-given identity.
- Scripture Focus: Lamentations 3:17–24
- Jeremiah's context: temple destroyed, people exiled to Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar—real loss and grief.
- Progression captured in exact phrasing: from “I had hoped” to “I have hope.”
- Key insights:
- “I have been deprived of peace” can reflect not only loss but rejecting God's offered peace by replaying bitterness and affliction.
- Circling true pains can still trap us in untruth if they dominate meditation.
- Pivot point: “Yet this I call to mind... Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed... His compassions never fail... Great is your faithfulness... The Lord is my portion.”
- Application: Change what you say to yourself (“The Lord is my portion”) to change what you see; as Jeremiah speaks, God's presence meets him.
- From Circling Hurt to Summoning Help - Circling hurt: rehearsing offenses, losses, and fears keeps the soul downcast and crowds out peace. Summoning help: call on Jesus in the present (“I need you right now”), shifting focus to God's nearness and sufficiency.
- Practice: move from fixation on pain to confession of truth and dependence—worship, gratitude, and prayer reorient the loop.
- Case Study: Elijah's Cave (1 Kings 19)
- Elijah's loop: “I am the only one” (repeated), following real threats and national apostasy.
- At Horeb/Sinai: wind, earthquake, fire—God not in them; then a gentle whisper—God's nearness often heard softly, not loudly.

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- “Mouth of the cave”: the cave has been “speaking” the loop; God’s whisper opens a new loop.
- God’s corrective truth and commissioning:
- Assignments: anoint Hazael (international affairs), Jehu (national affairs), and Elisha (prophetic succession).
- Reality check: 7,000 in Israel have not bowed to Baal—Elijah is not alone.
- Outcome: “So Elijah went from there”—new loop leads to forward movement.
- Ultimate Victory and Testimony
- Revelation 12: cosmic battle—dragon (ancient serpent) hurled down; God’s victory is definitive.
- Believers overcome “by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.”
- Analogy (A Beautiful Mind): the voices may not disappear, but you learn not to listen to them—sanity and sanctification involve disciplined attention to God’s truth.
- Invitation to Salvation
- By grace through faith—confess “Jesus is Lord” and believe God raised Him from the dead; you will be saved.
- Congregation prays a salvation prayer together; those responding raise hands to be welcomed and resourced with a Bible.
- Upcoming Steps and Actions
- Series journey: return over the next six weeks for “Same lies, new loops,” a season of reversal where God’s truth supplants entrenched lies.
- Community: continue tangible encouragement (hugs, unity declarations); remember “Jesus is our King.”
- Spiritual practices:
- Identify and name the two lies when they surface; replace them with Scripture (e.g., Lamentations 3:22–24; “The Lord is my portion”).
- Shift self-talk: “Yet this I call to mind... therefore I have hope.” Speak truth until your heart aligns.
- Pray and listen for the gentle whisper; obey new assignments God gives.
- Event mentioned: Reflect, hosted by Holly, on Friday, September 19.
- For new believers: receive your Bible and next steps; stay connected to the church family (including EFAM) for growth and support.

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- **Opening Prayer: “The first and the last, the great I Am, the Good Shepherd, the True God, we call you Savior, we call you Healer, we call you Redeemer, we call you Lord, we call you Jesus, we love you, baby. There's healing in your name. There's healing in your name - There's freedom in your name – There is Salvation in your name - Jesus - Jesus - Jesus - Jesus - come on give him glory in this house Lord God right now. Every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord.”**
- I have learned that when you don't know what to do, you can worship. I have learned that when the world goes crazy, you can still worship. I learned what to testify to you, that you can speak the name of Jesus even in the middle of the worst week of your life. And God will show up right in the chaos and he'll give you peace. He'll give you strength. His name can heal. His name can save. His name can make a storm be still. His name and His name alone is worthy of our praise in this place today.
- And we came today to praise the name of Jesus. We came today to lift Him high above our fear. We came today to lift the name of Jesus high above our feelings. We came today to glorify Him. And He's here in this place and He's worthy of all praise. Give your God a great praise in the highest. Come on, let's go.
- **I want to pray a pastoral prayer over you like I so often do from this pulpit. I realize that you may be carrying more weight than normal this week. But God is still strong, able, capable, mighty, and sovereign. He never leaves His throne for a moment. We're reminded on weeks like these that tomorrow is not promised. So we have to give God the worship He's worthy of today. We're reminded as we look around this great house, this ministry that God is building, that we're in this together. That the name that unites us will always be stronger than anything that divides us because Jesus is our King. I said Jesus is our King. I'm going to say it one more time. Jesus is our King. I don't know about you, but the world's always been crazy, but He's always been King, and He's still King. So when you don't know what to do, when you don't know what to say, when you don't know why, when your words fail, maybe you just put the weight on him because he's worthy. One name. Always worthy. Lift your hands. Worship him right now. Worthy is your name Jesus. You deserve the praise. Worthy is your name. Worthy is your name, Jesus. Jesus You deserve the praise Worthy is your name Say it until your soul gets convinced. Worthy is your name Say it until demons run out of this room. Say it until your heart gets full. Say it. Worthy is your name Worthy is your name. Worthy is your name. Worthy is your name. Jesus. Give this earth a place. Worthy is your name. Jesus be the name. Jesus be the name. Right now.**
- You need a big old Elevation Church hug. I'm officially sending my huggers all around this room. Everybody who has love in their heart for Jesus, give 20 people a hug. 20 people a hug. They need that hug this week. They need that hug this week. They need that hug this week. When you give them a hug, let them know we're in this together. Let them know God is good.
- Bring my screen out, would you?
- Let them know he's still on the throne. Let them know I've got a king named Jesus. And I'm going to be alright no matter what happens. He already showed me that the worst can happen and he's still great. Somebody shout God is great. He's still great. Shout he's always great.

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- I want to tell you something. If we ever got to know each other, we would be best friends, I promise you. Man, we would be texting each other all the time. Silly stuff, stupid stuff. You feel a sense of love for those that you leave even if you don't personally know them. It's a strange thing to describe.
- On Monday, I was praying for you. Now, I was half hungover from my sermon on Sunday. It's a holy hangover. And the Lord started showing me stuff. It was amazing. He gave me a phrase that I want to teach on for the next six weeks.
- And as different events were unfurling and whirling about our heads this week, I was so glad that God spoke to me and gave me this for us because it's exactly what we need for right now. I want you to stand to your feet and remain standing until I've read my scripture.
- We welcome our eFAM around the world. Although it has been an incredibly difficult week in our nation, we understand that in parts of the world there are tragedies that we never mention from this pulpit. But we want you to know that wherever you come from, whatever you're going through, we are here to bring Jesus into your situation. And we believe that if Jesus comes into your situation, anything is possible.
- The scripture that I want to set up this series with is in Lamentations chapter 3. Did you say uh-oh? Lamentations is not the party book of the Bible. The name kind of gives it away. And I think that the Lord, in the way that he does, has something hidden in this for us today, for the questions that we've been asking inside of ourselves, for the isolation that we've been dealing with and not knowing who to reach out to. And the prophet Jeremiah was writing from a difficult time in the history of the nation that he lived in called Israel. In fact, their temple had been destroyed. Many of the people had been carried into exile in a place called Babylon by a king called Nebuchadnezzar. He had the difficult task of preaching through his own tears into the tragedy of the people.
- In Lamentations chapter 3, we receive a poetic collection of some of his thoughts after he revised those prayers. And I want to share with you from verse 17 as he writes about his feelings from this place. Here's what he says. Lamentations 3, 17. “I have been deprived of peace. I have forgotten what prosperity is - in one translation he says I have rejected peace - he says I can't let peace in I've got so much anxiety so much fear I can't let it in I have rejected wholeness and peace and - in the ESV he says I have forgotten what happiness is.
- I've forgotten not only how to be happy, but I don't even really remember what it feels like. Now, after he says that, he gives a little bit of his internal monologue. He says, So I say, my splendor is gone. All that I had hoped from the Lord. I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet, this I call to mind. And therefore, I have hope. Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed. For his compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. One more verse. I say to myself, the Lord is my portion.
- God says somebody needs to change what you say to yourself. You need to change what you say to yourself. Somebody shout the Lord is my portion. Therefore, I will wait for him.
- **Now the word God gave me for us over this season of our church, he said to talk to you about same lies, new loops. Same lies, new loops. His mercies are new every morning. So are the devil's temptations. Same lies, new loops.**

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- Father, help me give it to them just like you gave it to me. Don't water it down. Don't weaken it with my opinion. But preach it like your word. Help me do that. I give you glory in Jesus' name. Amen.
- You may be seated.
- I have been waiting for worship with you. I can tell when the sermon really gets a hold of me because I start just drawing stuff and scribbling stuff everywhere. Whenever I start pulling out napkins in restaurants and asking the server, would you please bring me a napkin and a pen? The napkin, they understand, but the pen, they look at you kind of funny. And I've been writing all over the house, same lines, new loops.
- Let me draw for you. I even practiced my drawing. So cheer for me when I do this because I'm insecure about it. Same lies. New loops. I've been praying for years and the Lord still hasn't healed my handwriting. We're dealing with it. Same lies. I'm going to say same lies. New loops. Thank you. Thank you. Appreciate it.
- Like an infinity symbol, you know? Thank you. Yeah, same lines. New loops.
- Now, Holly is hosting Reflect on Friday, September the 19th. It's going to be an amazing time. Holly is an amazing preacher. She's an amazing teacher of the Word of God. You better be here. It's going to be amazing. She's an amazing teacher of the Word of God you better be here it's going to be amazing she's an amazing wife even better wife than she is a teacher of the Word of God she's so good at so many things she's my favorite cook it's a great kisser she's a great affirmer she's a great great mother. She's a great encourager.
- All of these things are true. There is one thing that she is not though. She is a horrible liar. Holly is a horrible liar. She is the worst liar. Therefore you have to be very careful what you ask her about. Because if I show Holly one of my songs that I just wrote and ask her how do you like it I better really know she is a terrible I'm horrible you know how do you like it and you know she did this thing what is it finished? Thought it was.
- Maybe not. She's just supposed to say, yeah, I think that could be the next gyro. I think that could be the next great. Just lie to me long enough to give me the confidence to put it out there in the world. No, she's a horrible liar. Even when she tries to be polite, she's a horrible liar. You know, should I wear this? Does this look good? And you can always see it in her eyebrows. you can always see the lie in her eyebrows if she's gonna look at you so so distinctively before she tells me yeah looks great but you're not gonna believe it because she's a horrible liar there's a game that our kids showed us called out of the loop and I think that's what it's called out of the loop and the way the game works you have to be a good liar to win it and you pass the phone around the table right and everybody gets a category like animal and then within the category there is a certain animal say like hippopotamus and then one person doesn't get to see what the animal is but they pretend like they know what it is and you go around the circle and ask questions and say, is it this? Is it that? Could you have this animal as a pet? And then the person who doesn't know what the animal is, they have to pretend like they do so nobody will know that they were out of the loop and didn't know it's a hippopotamus. And so when we played this game with Holly, it's the moment that we ask her, can we have it as a pet? And she'll go, well, and everybody will go, it's mom! Mom's out of the loop! She's such a bad liar.

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- And I'm glad she's a bad liar. I'm glad for that. I don't want her to get any better at lying. But there's a problem. When you're not that good at inventing lies, sometimes you're not that good at identifying lies either. And so sometimes it's hard for you if you have a hard time telling a lie to tell when someone is lying to you. The problem with this is that I think she needs to become a better liar. I don't want anybody in this room to become a better liar. That'd be a horrible thing to want for your church.
- **But I do want you to become better at identifying the lies that the enemy has been telling you all your life that have kept you lost in a loop of his lies - the truth of the matter is ladies and gentlemen that God is the creator he summoned light said let it be and light was if he called light let it be, and light was. If he called light darkness, it would change and turn out. God cannot lie. If God said that blue shirt was red, you would watch a transformation and it would be washed in the blood real quick. God cannot tell a lie. It is impossible for him to lie. He is not a man that he should lie, nor the son of man that he should repent. As impossible as it is for God to lie, it is impossible for the devil to tell the truth. Because Jesus said in John chapter 8 that when he speaks, he speaks his native language. He's a liar from the beginning. He's been lying a long time. He was lying before you got here. He was lying over your life when you were just a little baby. He has been planting lies in your mind before you had a conscious thought. He has been lying to you a long time. And it is difficult for you to identify those lies. Because rather than tell a whole bunch of different lies, I have noticed that the enemy just hammers the same lies over and over again. Why? Because the enemy is not creative. God is. He has no light to create, no stars to breathe forth, no sun to put in its place, no waters to cause to receive and bring forth fish in the sea. And he is not created by nature. He is created and fallen. He is fallen. And because he's not created, he cannot be created. And so since he can't make anything, he has to make something up. But since he's not created, he has to be consistent. The devil is not very creative. If you look at your life, he says the same things to you over and over again. He's not creative, but he's consistent. He'll tell you the same thing over and over again until you can't tell the difference between his voice and your thoughts. And that's what makes it so diabolical. Until you can't tell the difference between his voice and your thoughts. And that's what makes it so diabolical. The lies come in disguise. If he said it with a big, big voice up here, like Holly, Ch, your song is great, babe! I would know he was lying because his voice changed.**

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- But did you ever notice that the devil's voice doesn't change when he starts lying in your mind? sounds just like your own thoughts and because you are an honest person you have a very difficult time identifying the lies that tells you but if you can ever find the lie that he is telling you you can flow in the truth that God has given you and And if you can ever find the lie He's telling you, you can begin to fill yourself with what God has spoken and receive the peace that is your birthright and inheritance as a child of God. And you can get your happy back and you can get your home back and you can get your heart back because the devil has hijacked your mind, your heart back because the devil has hijacked your mind, your heart with lies long enough. And the reason that I know that it's him is he is not created. He only has two lies that he tells over and over again. And the prophet Jeremiah is believing both of those lies in Lamentations chapter three and he's going to a very deep dark place. See, there are really only two things the devil ever tells you and you might want to write this down. So the next time he slithers up to you that ancient snake. The next time he slithers up to you he's under your feet. The next time he starts speaking to you. The next time he starts suggesting to you. The next time he starts tempting you. The next time he starts to make you move your feet off the solid rock of Jesus Christ and the word of God, you can find the lie. There are really only two. One is, it's not enough. And the second is, you are not loved.
- Every lie you ever believed from the enemy and every pit of self-pity you've ever done for yourself, every relationship you've ever reached to that wasn't good for you - but it felt good to you - was because of one of these two lies that the enemy told you so consistently and so convincingly. He told you it's not enough and you're not loved.
- Am I right about it? Now I prayed on my knees this week. I said I'm not going to get up in front of my church and tell them there's only two lives and just say a bunch of stuff. You got to show me, Lord, what are the two things, or three things, or four things. He said there's really only two. There's really only two things. From the time that your mind is conscious and choosing, the enemy is whispering to you, it's not enough, and you're not loved.
- So I began to search the Bible to see if that was correct because I don't trust my impressions the devil is alive and I went all the way back to the book of Genesis and all the way forward to the book of Revelation and I found out that the snake only says one thing did God really say did God really say? Did God really say? That's why he's a snake. He's shaped like that question mark. Did God really say?
- To get you to question what God clearly said. To get you to step outside of how God identified you. He's a liar. And so they tell you it's not enough. They tell you that it's not enough for you to just believe in Jesus. You've got to have a whole bunch of other beliefs. You've got to have a whole bunch of other dependencies. It's not enough just to call on the name of Jesus and be saved. You've got to work your way to God. Try to get yourself trampled down with shame. And the devil is so good at lying. He's nothing like Holly. Let me say that for the record. The devil is nothing like my wife. He's so good at lying that he'll look like this. When you're tempted to sin, he'll say, it's no big deal. He'll get you to believe that the power of God to resist temptation is not enough. Then when you sin and you need to come to God and confess your sin so he can cleanse you from your sin and purify you from all unrighteousness, he'll try to tell you it's not enough. He'll try to get you to think that the blood of Jesus is not enough, that the grace of God is not enough.

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- So before you sin, he'll try to get you to think that the grace of God. Is not enough. So before you sin. He'll try to get you to think. That the power of God inside of you. Is not enough to keep you from sin. After you sin. He'll try to get you to think. That the price that Jesus paid for your sin. Is not enough. To take that sin off of you. To teach you. To roll your shame away. To bring you into a new beginning, to give you new mercies with every sunrise. And every day the sun comes up, you're waking up in not enough because the devil is very affected through repetition It's not enough. Think about everything you have to do today.
- You start thinking this before the covers come off in the morning. I know you do. It's not enough time to get it all done. It's not enough money to pay every bill. It's not enough time to get it all done. It's not enough sleep that I got last night. It's not enough people that I want to see at work to make me want to throw these covers off and get out of these comfortable pajamas with the footies on them and put my uncomfortable shoes on and stand up for eight hours all day. Because when I get home after eight hours at work, there's not going to be enough of me to go around for all these people. And since it's not enough, I'm not loved because if I don't show up enough, then everybody in my life feels like a demand and nothing feels like a supply. So now the enemy has got me in an infinite loop of scarcity because it's not enough and you are not loved.
- And now he's got you thinking that you are what you do. And so if what you do isn't enough, then you are not enough. Never mind that Christ is enough. Never mind that he wouldn't have created you, planned you, brought you into this moment in your life, spoken you into the earth at this time, put you in that family. Yes, that family, the weird family, the dysfunctional family, every family is dysfunctional. Stop lying to yourself, saying if my family wasn't dysfunctional, I wouldn't be. If your family wasn't dysfunctional, you would be an angel. That's the only non-dysfunctional family that God ever made. They're all angels. They live in heaven. We live on earth. It's called hell. Get used to it. Bring heaven to earth and get on with it. A family of God is dysfunctional, but we are here. Do not be deceived.
- So I was scribbling this down on the napkin and I was thinking, same lies, new moves. And what I want you to do is pull back up Jeremiah, the prophet in Leviticus chapter 3. And I want you to go all the way from verse 18 to verse 21. And this is what we're working on in our lesson today. Somebody say, same lies, new loops. somebody said if a person lied to you as much as the devil does how many times would you keep letting them in your front door - and every time they came through they stole something if every time they came through the track mud all over your beige carpet how many times would it take and yet we go through the same lies over and over don't feel bad about it Jeremiah did and I am looking for lamentations - there we go - oh I was stalling bad - just now but look at this in verse 18. I want you to circle this.

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- He said, so I say my splendor is gone, or my glory is gone, or it feels like God is gone, or it feels like my imagination is gone, or my happiness is on hiatus, and I can't find it. I forgot what it is to be happy. He said, so I say my splendor is gone and all that I had hoped from the Lord. I want you to circle those three words. I had hoped. I had hoped.
- Put it in the comments please if you're watching online. I had hoped. I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. And this is the verse we felt so excited about when we read it, because it gives us a new loop.
- I'll explain in a moment. Yet this I call to mind, and therefore, I have hope. And I want you to circle those three words now. I have hope. And I want you to circle those three words now. I have hope. And the question is, Jonathan, how do we get from here where hope is in the past tense? I had hoped to here where I got it back. I am preaching better than you're saying amen. That's the truth.
- How do I get from I have hoped to I have hope? It's not as easy of a journey as you may think. Because by the time you've been going around the same lies over and over again in your mind, and you've been looping, I've been teaching a lot on looping in church, and it's the number one thing that I've been having people send me texts about. They said it was so helpful how you explained to us that sometimes we don't get in the loop of the Word of God, and because we don't continually meditate on it, we just consume it and then we go out into the world and we get consumed. We get consumed.
- And we get in a different loop. Now, the problem with the things that Jeremiah was saying in Lamentations chapter 3 is that none of them were outright lies on the surface. They all sounded true. The temple had been destroyed. That was true. Many of his friends and family had been taken away. That was true. It would never be the same again. That was true. There may be some things that are true of you today, but just because they're true of you does not mean that you have to be trapped in them for the rest of your life.
- This is where it's difficult because the devil will talk to you so good. He's such a good liar. He'll be talking about hippopotamus and trying to describe a hippopotamus, you know, and he's not like Holly. He's a good liar. So he'll start talking to you and he'll say, you know what? You have been afflicted. You are lost. There have been a lot of people who have left your life. There is a lot of evil in the world. You ought to be scared to go out in public. Everybody is crazy. Everybody is against each other. Everybody is fighting against one another. And part of that is true, but you have got to be very careful what you say to yourself as you go through what we all go through.
- Because when he said, I am afflicted. When he said, my splendor is gone. When he said, verse 19, please on the lower thirds. I remember my affliction and my wandering and the bitterness and the gall. We begin to understand that you cannot be full of bitterness.
- **If you expect to be filled with peace. Let me teach you for a moment. If I am filled with bitterness, I am going to be empty of peace. Verse 17, he says, I have been deprived of peace. But it's not exactly that somebody took your peace away. Sometimes it's that you rejected it. Sometimes you reject the peace that God wants to give you about the situation because you believe the lie that the devil told you about the situation. And God really wants to give you a peace but you push the peace away. How? By going around the same loop.**

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- **The same loop. Many times for me, I find myself replaying offenses. Replaying movies in my mind that I didn't even like the first time I saw them. Why would you buy a ticket back to the movie when you hate it the first time? But Jeremiah is in a desperate place, understand. Not a flat tire, not a failed class, not a dropped college offer, not a little ache in his pinky toe. He has lost everything. I had hope. I don't have hope. And he goes around and around. And I'm going to tell you what he's doing in this situation. I've done it before myself. He is circling his hurt.**
- Have you been circling your hurt? Have you been going around and around and around and around? Now, God left this book in the Bible for a reason. I'm glad that God didn't edit it out. Because then I would feel like that being an overcomer in Christ means that I feel no pain.
- I would think that being afraid was a lack of faith if he didn't leave it all in. He said, I've been afflicted, I've wandered, I've tasted bitterness and gall. I am so filled with it that I even began to wonder, not only am I not enough, but is God enough? The devil won't tell you God isn't enough. You know too many Bible verses for him to do that. He'll start to tell him that he's not enough for you. And your situation. And how it's different with you.
- And you start circling how bad it hurts and it hurts and it hurts and it did hurt. It hurt for Jeremiah to lose everyone he loved. It hurt for them to walk out on you. It hurt for them to say that about you. It hurt for them to criticize you. It hurt in your body when you were diagnosed with the illness and then you found out it was them to criticize you. It hurt in your body when you were diagnosed with the illness and then you found out it was worse than you thought. It hurt and it hurt and it hurt and if I were the devil, I would keep you circling your hurt.
- Because as long as you remember it more than you recognize God in it, he can keep you going around and around and around and around and around and around and never get to verse 21. Now, what happens in verse 21 of Lamentations chapter 3 is very powerful. I wrote down in my notes, when you say this point, walk down and make sure they're paying attention. That's what I'll do right now. You would expect that with Jeremiah, who is a prophet for God. What is Jeremiah? Not a bullfrog. He is a... For the whole time. You don't need to know about it. It's the same stuff. It works every time. He's a prophet for God, which means he speaks for God, for people. So you will think at this moment, and you are understandably wrong, that God is going to speak to him because he speaks for God. But what blew my mind, and I don't mean mind-blow emoji, I mean cold chills up and down my body while I was praying about some of the hurts that I keep circling in my life. Some of the abandonment that I keep reliving in my heart. Some of the trauma, if I can use an overused word, that enters my body during high stress times and I don't know what to do because I am expecting for God to speak to Jeremiah. But in Lamentations 3, God doesn't speak. Jeremiah does. That changed my life because I'm expecting him to say, my hope is gone. God is gone. And I'm expecting God to stand up and say, no, not Jeremiah. I am here and I am he. But God doesn't say a word. Jeremiah does. And when Jeremiah speaks, God comes. God is waiting for you to change what you say and you are going to see what he spoke when you change what you say. Show three people, tell them, change what you say. And if you change what you say, you'll change what you see. And God will walk in the room. And God will show up in the hospital. And God will show up in a broken heart. And God will show up at your job. And God will show up in your emptiness. And God will show up in your loneliness. And God will show up in your doubt.
- And Jesus will come into your storm. And Jesus will step into your boat. And Jesus will make a wind in a wave die down. When you speak. Come on, call him right now.

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- **Somebody say, Jesus. I need you right now. Not five years from now. I don't have five years for therapy. I need you right now I need you right now, Jesus. So please believe me when I say that I know it hurts, but you have to make a decision, don't you? Am I going to keep circling my hurt? Or am I going to summon my help? Oh God.**
- Because when you call Jesus, help is on the way. Because when you say, come Lord, because when you say I'm empty and I need to be filled, Jesus shows up. Yes, I have hurt. That's an old story. Yes, I have hurt. It's human. Yes, some people suck. They're human. But some don't.
- And God said to remind you that the longer you circle your hurt, the less you can summon your hell. Let me draw you this. I just pictured somebody in here today. And I was like, you've been circling hurt, circling her, circling her, I lift my eyes to the hills. What does my hell, our hell, hell, hell, been through hell, but I got hell. Been hurt a long time, but I got hell. It hurts a long time. But I got hell. You see that, Jeremiah? Tell some of the people I got hell. Tell them the world's real crazy, but I got hell.
- **Tell them the darkness does its best To try to keep us down But we have hell Our God is a very present hell In the time of trouble The devil is a very present devil In the time of trouble But for every lie the devil speaks There is a new loop of the truth Of the word of God That is flowing to his people And this rock is Jesus. He's the one. This rock is Jesus and the wind came and the storms blew but my house did not fall because it was hell. I have hell. I'm not enough but I have help.**
- I'm not enough, but I have help. They don't love me, but he does. I'm not enough, but I have help. They don't love me, but he does. Say lies. Say all you want, devil. Keep on talking, devil. Wear your voice out, devil. Get a little excited, devil. Talk to me in the night, devil. Tell me you're going to kill in the night devil Tell me you're gonna kill me devil. Tell me not to preach this devil And I just opened my mouth and helped ten people on the left side of the church Who am I preaching to? Who am I helping? The Lord sent me to remind you You have help.
- **There's more with us than with them. I got angels. All around me. I got family. All around me. I got Jesus. All around me. I got help. I got Jesus. All around me. That's what the prophets say. Elijah. Said there's more with us. Than with them.**
- Same lies the devil's got you surrounded again. Whatever is surrounding you. God made a loop surrounding it. Same lies. Amen.
- How did the prophet Elijah end up hiding in a cave from a woman named Jezebel? He forgot. He had help. And he sat down. woman named Jezebel. He forgot he had help. And he sat down and said, kill me God. And God wouldn't kill him. God wouldn't kill him because he had a new loop for him. God wouldn't even let you die. God wouldn't even let you abandon the faith. God wouldn't even let you abandon the faith.
- God wouldn't even let you not come to church today. You had a bad attitude when you walked in. And God dragged your bad attitude in with your worshiping mouth. And now you found out. I have help. You should know that when you're in the valley. Bring me that Bible in 1 Kings chapter 19. I already sat down.
- I feel like getting back up and getting mine. And this was mine before I gave it to you. Somebody help me. Come on, help me preach. I'm not out there by myself. I'm not in this by myself. And the Bible said that Elijah ran 40 days, 40 nights into the cave.

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- And I want to show you the loop that he was in. Because it might be very meaningful to you. The Lord came to him and the Lord shows off man. When God comes, he comes and does all kinds of stuff. See, the mountain that he's at is Mount Sinai. You remember when God gave the law to Moses at Mount Sinai and the earthquake came and like the fire of God and the glory of God so when Elijah goes to hide in the cave because he called down the fire from heaven. But sometimes the thing that makes you powerful on the mountain can make you crazy in the cave.
- And he begins to say this thing to himself over and over and over again. I mean, it's written two times in 1 Kings 19. The Bible says that the word of the Lord came to him when he was in his cave. And it said, what are you doing here, Elijah? And he replied, I got to get up now. I got to draw it. I gotta draw it. I really want you to get this. I really want this to help me. I don't want you just here with no one helping.
- I know that the devil has been lying to you. I know he's been telling you that there is something incurably wrong with you. I know he's been telling you that it's your fault from what happened five years ago that you can't apologize for again, but you can only move forward.
- I know what he's saying, but here is Elijah in the cave. And the Lord asked him, what are you doing I am the only one. Lie. Show them 1 Kings 19 verse number 17. I think that's the right one. Verse 18. God said, Yet I reserve 7,000 in Israel, all whose needs have not bowed to Baal. Elijah said, I'm the only one not serving the false god.
- I'm the only one not serving the false god I'm the only well he's got that song on the loop too I'm the only one I'm the only one say it long enough it'll feel true treat people that way long enough it'll come true now it's not just a lie it's a lie and you say I had hope but I lost it read this story 1st Kings chapter 19 verse 10 the Lord said what are you doing here Elijah what are you doing here he replied I've been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty the Israelites have rejected your covenant true they did What are you doing here? He replied, I've been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant. True. They did. They did. Because humans hurt you. They torn down your altars. True. They did that. They put your prophets to death with the sword. That's true. They did that. And I your prophets to death with the sword. That's true. They did that. And I am the only one left alive.
- But the devil had convinced him so much with stuff that was true, that [once he got him in the loop, it was easy to convince him of what wasn't true](#). And now Elijah is giving the speech to God. How are you going to start telling God how God's people abandoned God? How do you think it hurt you more than it hurt God?
- But he's been circling this earth for a long time, and when you circle your earth long enough, you get some of your help. You forget how to reach out to who you do have. You forget to pray how you know how to pray. You forget how to reach out to who you do have. You forget to pray how you know how to pray. You forget to be grateful, don't you? You stop saying those gratitude things in the morning. You stop saying them because you've got not enough and not enough. Back down on the loop.
- Now, watch what the Lord does. He is so kind. Elijah says, now they are trying to kill me too. And the Lord said, go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by. Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord.

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- But the Lord wasn't in the wind. And the wind came, and then after the wind there was an earthquake. The Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. The Lord came in all of those ways in Moses' time, but he's coming a different way to Elijah.
- **Can you let God come to you a different way and not think that he left you?** I feel this thing going deep. If y'all have a lunch appointment, please feel free to leave. But I'm going to finish this message for the hundred people that need to hear it today. Who have been on the roof. And after the fire came, a gentle whisper. I've done whole messages where I whisper for ten minutes.
- To talk to you about hell. But the enemy is lying to you. He's loud because he can't get to you. When God tells the truth to you, he whispers because he's close. That's why the devil is so much louder that's why you have to draw near to God to hear him the Bible says when Elijah heard that whisper verse 13 boy this font is so small I can't believe I used to preach from this Bible when Elijah heard it he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Ain't that a crazy phrase? The mouth of the cave.
- The cave has been talking. Just bouncing around. You're the only one. You ever heard the mouth of the cave? But then comes the voice of the Lord. I cannot draw God. But I make it bigger than Elijah. I make it happy. I'm going to give him a crown. That's the best I can do, Lord. But that represents you. And God says, watch this. God says, watch this. New Luke. I says, watch this. New loop. I said it. I said it. **And the Lord God of Elijah brought you here today to open a new loop over your life. A new way of thinking. A new way of being. A new way of handling adversity. A new way of being. A new way of handling adversity. A new way of processing pain. It's as small as a whisper, but it can change your world.** It can break you out of the cycle of thinking that put you in this place all along. That made you feel shut off and cut off and forgot your help and circling your hurt.
- Jeremiah said it 250 years after Elijah learned it. He ministered in a different place, but it's the same lesson. This I call to my mind, therefore I have hope. It is because of the Lord's new loop. It is because of the Lord's voice. It is because of the Lord's love. It is because His compassions are infinite. It's a new loop. **It's a loop of his love that never stops.** It means he's got me in his hand even when I don't understand it in my mind. It means he's got me in his plan even when I can't prove it with my math. It means he's got me in his sovereign will even when I rebelled and got off course. And the Bible says he asked him a second time, what are you doing here, Elijah?
- And Elijah replied, verse 14, I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant and torn down your altars and put your prophets to death with the sword. I'm the only one left. He's still in the loop. Ah, but give me verse 15, where the Lord said to him, new loop, the Lord said to him, new loop, go back the way you came, and when you get to the desert, I've got somebody in Damascus for you to anoint. His name is Hazel, and he will take care of the international affairs. Verse 16, after you get done anointing Hazel, go anoint Jehu, son of Nimshi, king over Israel. He will handle the national affairs. And then when you get done anointing those two government leaders, anoint Elisha, son of Shaphat, from Abel Mahola, to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazel, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve 7,000 in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal, and whose mouths have not kissed him. And verse 19 is the happiest verse I read you all day. Because it says, so Elijah went from there.

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- New Loop - Not I've been very zealous and the Lord abandoned me. And it's not about what they did. It's about what he said. It's not about what they didn't do. It's about what he still can do. It is not about circling your hurt. **It's not about what they didn't do. It's about what he still can do. It is not about circling your heart. It is about summoning your help.**
- And if you go all the way to the book of Revelation, not Revelations, and it's not Wal-Mart's either. It's just one mark. And it's one revelation from John the 9th. It's not many revelations. I was reading how it ended and I realized something very powerful in verse 7. He said that a great war broke out in heaven and Michael and his angels fought against the dragon.
- See, we say crazy stuff when weird stuff happens in the world and horrible things happen in the world and we're like, it's never been like this before. It's in the first book and the last book of the Bible. All of it. He said there was a war that broke out in heaven. And the angels started fighting for God. Against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough. And they lost their place in heaven.
- Well if y'all shouted over that verse. You really like Nye. And the great dragon. Lost their place in heaven. Well if y'all shouted over that verse. You really like mine. And the great dragon. Was hurled. Down. Let me remind you who that dragon is. That's fighting against you today. That ancient serpent. He's been lying a long time. And he's real good at his job but God has been creating longer than he's been lying. And God is better at his job than the enemy is at his.
- So I came to remind you today the dragon was cast down so the next time your soul gets downcast. Call to your mind. The victory that Jesus already won for you. And verse 11 says. And verse 11 says. And verse 11 says.
- **They triumphed over him. By the blood of the Lamb. And the word of their testimony. If you've got a testimony, stand up straight. Let the devil know, great is his faithfulness. Great is his faithfulness. Great is his faithfulness. And morning by morning, I've got new mercies. New loops. Saint God. New loops.**
- Saint lives. New loops. We watched the movie A Beautiful Mind mind and the man in the movie always heard voices he always heard voices he always heard voices and he was explained to somebody after he had recovered and gotten treatment he was played by russell crowe the great john nash he was playing this man who suffered from a terrible condition and he heard voices and they asked him at the end of the movie did the voices go away and he said no but you just learn not to listen to them we will journey together over these next weeks, not only for your sanity, but for your sanctification, so you can be set back apart from God, for God, from the enemy.
- We will labor together. We will find out how to get from Lamentations 3.18, where the prophet said, Man, I just kept going over and over in my mind everything that I've lost. And while I was going over everything I lost, I was in a loop. And then in verse 21, he says, yeah, I call this to my mind. Oh, I didn't even get to preach that to you.

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- I have so many napkins around my house with these little loops. Don't make me waste one. Don't make me waste one. The week that I might give the napkin that you need, don't be sleeping. Because there are some things that God wants to show you that are really true. But today I feel like there's somebody that the Lord brought here who has never begun this journey of following Jesus.
- You never even took the first step to follow him. And maybe you thought that you weren't enough and he wouldn't love you. Maybe you thought that you didn't need him. But you found this season of your life that you do need his grace and his strength.
- **So right now we have a very special tradition in our church. Where we all bow our heads and close our eyes together. This is for you online too and at every location. The Bible says that it is by grace you are saved through faith. This is the gift of God. Not of works so that no one can boast. The grace of God is enough to save you. All you have to do is place your faith in him. The Bible says that you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord. Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. You will be him. The Bible says that you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord. Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. You will be saved. He'll come get you right now. He's already running your way. God has arms wide open. Just come to him. Just come to him. With your head bowed and your eyes closed, our entire church family is going to pray out loud for the benefit of those who are coming to God. Maybe you're coming back to God. This is going to be a new day, a new beginning for you right now. If you want to give your life to Jesus today, you don't have to wait another day. You can do it right now. Repeat this prayer out loud after me. Everybody praying together. Heavenly Father, today is my day of salvation I am a sinner in need of a Savior and I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Savior of the world and today I make Jesus the Lord of my life I believe he died for my sin and rose again to give me life I've received this new life this is my new beginning I am a child of God. If you prayed that, shoot your hand up on the count of three. One, two, three. I want to celebrate you all of you. All of you in church. God bless you. We got a Bible coming your way. This is all worth it if it was just for you. Come on, welcome home. Welcome home. Welcome home. Welcome to your full circle moment. Welcome, welcome home, welcome home. Welcome home, welcome to your full circle moment. Welcome, welcome. I like it, everything.**

## **Part 2: eGroup study questions**

“The enemy isn’t creative, but he’s consistent. The devil only has two lies that he tells: ‘It’s not enough’ and ‘You’re not loved.’”

Every lie you ever believed from the enemy and every pit of self-pity you've ever done for yourself, every relationship you've ever reached to that wasn't good for you - but it felt good to you - was because of one of these two lies that the enemy told you so consistently and so convincingly. He told you it's not enough and you're not loved.

“I have been deprived of peace” can reflect not only loss but rejecting God’s offered peace by replaying bitterness and affliction.”

“You've got to have a whole bunch of other dependencies. And the devil is so good at lying. When you're tempted to sin, he'll say, it's no big deal. He'll get you to believe that the power of God to resist temptation is not enough. Then when you sin and you need to come to God and confess your sin so he can cleanse you from your sin and purify you from all unrighteousness, he'll try to tell you it's not enough. He'll try to get you to think that the blood of Jesus is not enough, that the grace of God is not enough.”

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“If you expect to be filled with peace. Let me teach you for a moment. If I am filled with bitterness, I am going to be empty of peace. Verse 17, he says, I have been deprived of peace. But it's not exactly that somebody took your peace away. Sometimes it's that you rejected it. Sometimes you reject the peace that God wants to give you about the situation because you believe the lie that the devil told you about the situation.”

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- “Stop that sound track that says “Jesus is not enough for you and it’s different with you.”
- “As long as you remember “it” more than you recognize God in it, he can keep you going around and around – so never get to verse 21 (“This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.”)
- “And if you change what you say, you'll change what you see. And God will walk in the room. And God will show up in the hospital. And God will show up in a broken heart. And God will show up at your job. And God will show up in your emptiness. And God will show up in your loneliness. And God will show up in your doubt.”
- Am I going to keep circling my hurt? Or am I going to summon my help?
- “There is a new loop of the truth Of the word of God - That is flowing to his people - And this rock is Jesus. He's the one. This rock is Jesus and the wind came and the storms blew but my house did not fall because it was hell. I have hell. I'm not enough but I have help.”
- There's more with us than with them. I got angels. All around me. I got family. All around me. I got Jesus. All around me. I got help. I got Jesus. All around me.

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- Know this – once you are in the loop – it is easy to be convinced what is not true – See 1 Kings 19 and Elijah on the run – “says, now they are trying to kill me too. And the Lord said, go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord.” Can you let God come to you a different way and not think that he left you? And the Lord God of Elijah brought you here today to open a new loop over your life. A new way of thinking. A new way of being. A new way of handling adversity. A new way of being. A new way of handling adversity. A new way of processing pain. It's as small as a whisper, but it can change your world. It's a loop of his love that never stops.
- It's not about what they didn't do. It's about what he still can do. It is not about circling your heart. It is about summoning your help.

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- See Revelation 12:7-11 – So I came to remind you today the dragon was cast down so the next time your soul gets downcast. Call to your mind. The victory that Jesus already won for you. And verse 11 says. They triumphed over him. By the blood of the Lamb. And the word of their testimony.
- **This season is going to be a season of reversal. Where everything that the enemy has been speaking over you is going to give way to what God says about you.**

Back up slides

Sermon Discussion – “Not As Long As My Song” - Pastor Furtick – August 10, 2025

In August 2017, Pastor Furtick led a study of David called “Bars and Battles.” I think Pastor Furtick’s sermon this weekend “Not as Long as My Song” builds of this prior series. On August 13, 2017, Pastor Furtick said this while unpacking Psalm 142 and 1 Sam 22 – where Saul is trying to kill David: “We have to learn to trust God and keep our hand on the harp. This means that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (fleshy or bodily), they are mighty through God for the pulling down of strong-holds – so it might not look like much – but our worship is our weapon. If you humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, and trust him – no matter what is coming at your head, no matter what is coming at your life – if you trust him and duck – and trust him and pray – the hand of God is on your life. Therefore, if you can win the battle here (your heart) – if you can get down low enough to say God I need you – and realize that the real battle is not with Saul – it is with self. Before David become a king and before God calls us to do what we are supposed to do, we need to learn to do the hardest thing to do – to depend. The easiest thing for David to do was to fight – this came naturally to him – the hardest thing for David to do was to be humble and depend – where David has to depend on the hand of God for the spear to miss him.” Kev note: Dang that is good!



## July 18 – Daily Devotional:

“There is nothing miraculous about the things that we can explain. We command what we are able to explain, consequently it is natural to seek to explain. It is not natural to obey; nor is necessarily sinful to disobey. If one man says to another – You must and you shall, he brakes the human spirit and unfits it for God. Many a soul begins to come to God when he flings off being religious, because, there is only one master of the human heart, and that is not religion but Jesus Christ. But woe be to me if when I see Him I say – I will not. He will never insist that I do, but I have begun to sign the death warrant of the Son of God in my soul. When I stand face to face with Jesus Chris and say – I will not, **He will never insist, but I am backing away form the re-creating power of His redemption.**



Dr. Timothy Keller

total freedom = lack of meaning and significance

What if we found the reason for life? Why we were created? Why we were designed? And conformed to that and then honored that?

If there is a design, there is a designer. And if there is a designer, the logos has come. Not some abstract philosophical principle. **It is a person.**

The designer has punched a hole into the world and he has descended. And you were built not to just honor some philosophical principle. But you were built to know and love this divine person. When you know him and when you serve him and you find out what he built you for, when you comply with it and submit yourself to him, you find out who you are. And you are now able to reach your potential.

Have a good navigational beacon in 2022:

“Life and Leadership at the Highest” A quote from an unknown author and requoted by Pastor Tim Keller in his sermon “This is Jesus” part 4 “Two Grieving Sisters Encounter Jesus” at Oxford University in 2016: “The accounts of Him in the New Testament speak for themselves – He combines qualities that no one has ever seen – despite his incredible claims, we never see him pompous, offended, or standing on his own dignity. Despite being absolutely approachable to the weakest and most broken people, he is completely fearless before the powerful and the corrupt. Despite being weary and lonely, we find him remarkably human - filled with joy, fear, love, and anger. Yet, we never see him Moody. We never see him being inconsistent. We never see Him strong when He should be tender and we never see Him tender when He should be strong. Most interesting of all – Of all his encounters with people - we are continuously surprised – shocking us - but never disappointing us – it is difficult for us to imagine words that Jesus ought to have said or deeds that he ought to have done. Nothing he has done ever falls short - in fact He is always surprising us - because He is incomparably better than what we could imagine for ourselves. Why? These are the surprises of perfection – He has tenderness without weakness – He has strength without harshness – humility without the slightest lack of confidence – unhesitating authority without the slightest sense of self-absorption – Holy and unbending convictions without the slightest lack of approachability – power without insensitivity – passion without prejudice – there is never a false step – there’s never a jarring no – this is life at the highest.”