

**THE WEEK OF  
January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010**



**New Year  
Lamentations 3**

“This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:21-23

The turning of another year is always marked by new year's resolutions. Typically we resolve to lose weight, quit drinking or smoking, be better husbands and fathers, take up an instrument, read the Bible in a year, etc. While those are all healthy goals to set, so often we make it through far less than a year before we abandon those resolutions.

Our spiritual journey in life is the same. When we give Jesus control of our lives we get excited about what He's going to do with and in it. As a new believer it's easy to be excited about seeing the changes God is making. But what happens 6, 9 or 12 months down the road? Are we as willing to allow Him to have full control as in the beginning? Are we excited for the next year? What about when we fall into sin as a believer? Do we just let that put an end to what God has begun in us? NO! We must not! It's easy to give up when we fail. But the times we fall are the times we need to push forward and persevere not in our own strength, but in the knowledge of our God's faithfulness.

The point is not to give ourselves over to temptations just so we can be forgiven over and over. We should always be guarded, discerning and careful in what we allow in our lives. However, It's important to know that if we fall along the way, it's not too much for God to pick us back up if we're willing to repent. The Lord wants to use each of you for something special this year, and our enemy isn't happy about that. Men, let's resolve to not give up this year.

**Read the Proverb and the section of Psalm 119 that corresponds with the calendar day *example:*  
*If it's the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month, read Proverbs 1 and Psalm 119:1-8 (Aleph)***

**Mon :** ...They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:21-23, Psalm 36:5

**Tue:** “if we confess our sins...” 1 John 1:9, Hebrews 10:23, 1 Corinthians 1:9

**Wed:** He is faithful Hebrews 10:23, 1 Corinthians 1:9

**Thu:** For the LORD your God is a merciful God Deuteronomy 4:31

**Fri:** ...whose rider is called Faithful and True Revelation 19:11

### **Discussion Questions for Bible Café:**

1. What has God called you to do in His service? Is it something new? Share with your group how they can pray for this.
  
2. What area of your life are you going to ask Him to work on a little more intimately this year? Are you willing to let Him go a little deeper than last year?

**Prayer Requests of your Bible Café brothers (on back):**