

# Experiencing God: Faithfulness

Lamentations 3: 23

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Introduction: Political season – Thomas Jefferson/John Adams  
John Quincy Adams/Andrew Jackson

We are a post modern culture

We want truth – someone who is faithful to what they say

Deut. 7: 9 – “Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God.”

I. Jeremiah’s life and ministry

a. Reluctant prophet

i. “I don’t know how to speak, I am only a child.” Jer. 1: 7

ii. “O Lord, you deceived me and I was deceived. You overpowered me & prevailed.” Jer. 20: 7

II. Jeremiah’s Broken Heart

a. Jeremiah gives direct statements as to how he is feeling:

i. The physical discomfort

ii. The bitter disappointment – at the destruction of his city and the Temple and the worship of God

iii. The rejection of his best friends and his people

iv. The disappointment of being right

III. Jeremiah’s Hope

a. Yet this I called to mind . . .

b. To the one who puts their trust in the Lord there is always hope:

i. In spite of the city in ashes

ii. His friends hate him

iii. He is shunned by his people

iv. He is deeply disappointed

v. He has hope

IV. Take Away

a. Believe the gospel

i. God’s promises are to God’s people

ii. The right thing is not always the popular thing

iii. There is always hope for those who trust in God

iv. Jesus is the ultimate promise – kept by a faithful God when we were faithless