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Lamentations 3:25-42

Funerals seem so final. When the last "amen" is spoken at the graveside service, it represents more than an end to the service. That last "amen" expresses what seems to be a permanent finality from the human perspective.

The collection of poems called "Lamentations" in the Bible is often compared to a funeral dirge, written by the "weeping prophet," Jeremiah, and sung by the Israelites after 586 BC, when Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians. Their national grief was overwhelming. Yet, just as is recognized in every Christian funeral, Jeremiah wrote with a certain confidence. He knew that our last "amen" is not really the final word.

Grief is real and painful. Our capacity to experience grief and loss is a mark of our being created by God and in His image. Yet, we have hope through the power of Jesus' resurrection that our loss will not be final and our pain is not permanent.

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