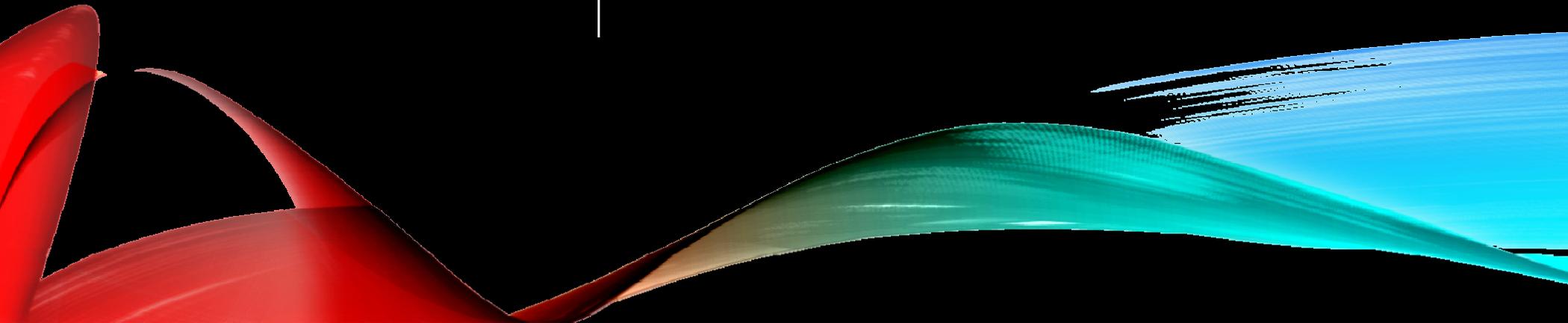


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THE INDISPUTABLE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

LAMENTATIONS 3:19-23





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¹⁹ I remember my affliction and my wandering,
the bitterness and the gall.

²⁰ I well remember them,
and my soul is downcast within me.

²¹ Yet this I call to mind
and therefore I have hope:

²² Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

²³ They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.



WHO WE SAY GOD IS

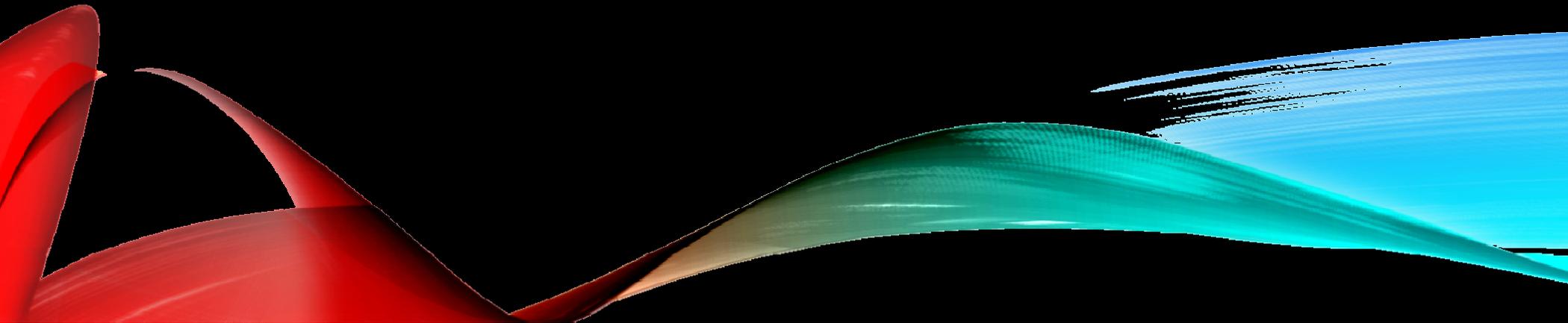
- God is good all the time. All the time God is good.
- “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. (Psalm 23:1)
- “... the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God...” (1 Timothy 1:17)
- “...Who alone is immortal and dwells in unapproachable light...” (1 Timothy 6:16)



WHO GOD SAYS HE IS

- **EL OLAM** – the Eternal God/the Everlasting God (Genesis 21:32-33)
- **JEHOVAH JIREH** – the LORD will provide. (Genesis 22:13-14)
- **JEHOVAH ROPHE** – the LORD who heals. (Exodus 15:26)
- **JEHOVAH SHALOM** – the LORD is peace. (Judges 6:24)
- **EL SHADDAY** – God Almighty (Genesis 17:1-2)

A CRISIS OF FAITH



JEREMIAH'S LAMENT

I gave up on life altogether.

I've forgotten what the good life is like.

I said to myself, "This is it. I'm finished.

God is a lost cause."

¹⁹⁻²¹ I'll never forget the trouble, the utter lostness,
the taste of ashes, the poison I've swallowed.

I remember it all—oh, how well I remember—
the feeling of hitting the bottom.

But there's one other thing I remember,

and remembering, I keep a grip on hope:

²²⁻²⁴ God's loyal love couldn't have run out,
his merciful love couldn't have dried up.

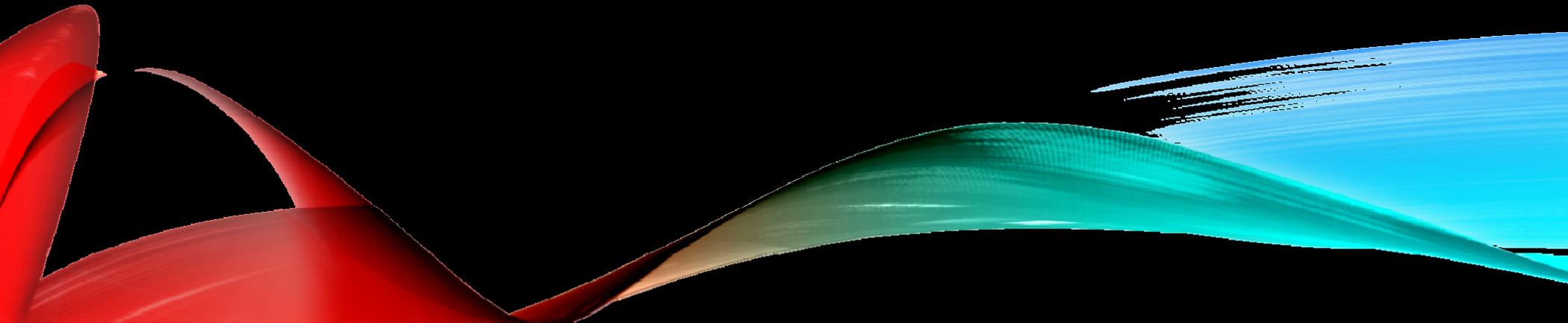
They're created new every morning.

How great your faithfulness!

I'm sticking with God (I say it over and over).

He's all I've got left.

THE CASE FOR GOD'S FAITHFULNESS





TRUST IN GOD

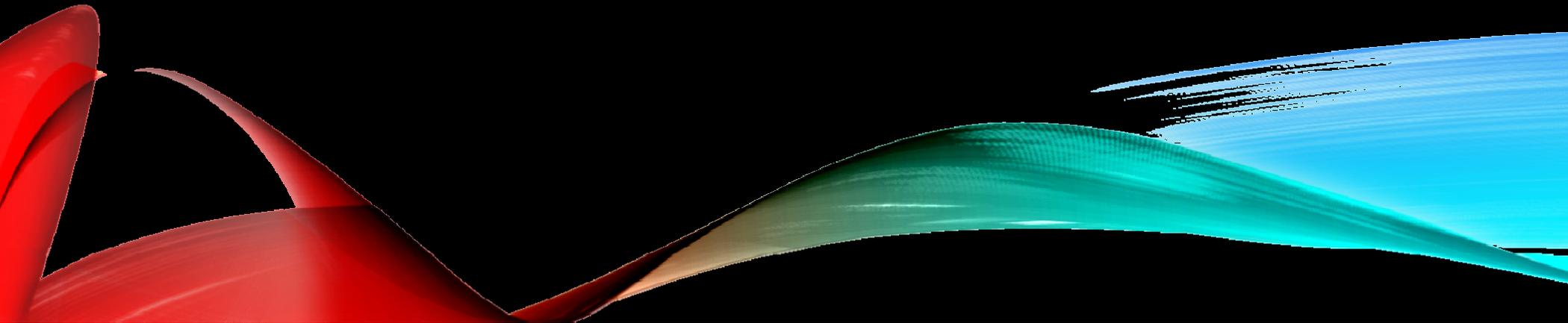
1. Recognize who God is.
2. Trust who God is.
3. Surrender to who God is.

1 KINGS 19:11-13

¹¹ Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces 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 So it was, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice *came* to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

SCRIPTURES OF HOPE





1 PETER 1:6-7

⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.



JAMES 1:2-4

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, ^[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.



ROMANS 8:18

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.



PSALM 27:5-6

- ⁵ For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.
- ⁶ Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.



2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.



JEREMIAH 32:17

¹⁷ Ah Lord God! It is you who made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.



JEREMIAH 32:26-27

²⁶ The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: ²⁷ See, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is anything too hard for me?



PSALM 27:13-14

¹³ I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.



LAMENTATIONS 3:32

³² Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;



PSALM 121

- - ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
 - ² My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
 - ⁴ He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
 - ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
 - ⁸ The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.



PSALM 42:5

⁵ Why, my soul, are you downcast?

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,

for I will yet praise him,

my Savior and my God.



ISAIAH 40:28-31

²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

³¹ but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.



ISAIAH 43:1-3

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.



MATTHEW 6:26

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?



PSALM 146:5-6

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them – the LORD, who remains faithful forever.



ROMANS 15:13

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

GO IN PEACE

