

**Week 3 Devotional Guide**  
**Passages: Lamentations 2:1–17 & Psalm 74**  
**Theme: When God Feels Silent and the Sanctuary Lies in Ruins**

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**Day 1. Read**

- Lamentations 2:1–17: The poet mourns God's judgment against His own people. The temple, once filled with His glory, lies desolate.
  - Psalm 74: A community lament over the destruction of the sanctuary, pleading with God to remember His covenant.
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**Day 2. Pray (Guided Prayer Prompts)**

- Lament the Ruins: *"Lord, I grieve the brokenness I see in myself, in the church, and in the world."*
  - Cry for God's Presence: *"Why do You feel so far off, Lord? Remember Your people."*
  - Plead the Covenant: Ask God to remember His promises. *"O God, You have redeemed Your people of old. Do not forget us now."*
  - Declare Hope: *"Yet You are my King from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth" (Ps. 74:12).*
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**Day 3. Practice**

This week, go to a physical place that holds meaning to you.

- It could be your child's room, with whom you are estranged.
- It could be a location in our community where a specific system is failing.
- It could be the ruins of an old building where once life was found, but has fallen out of use.
- It could be a place that bitter memories are tied to.

Take a moment to pray inside or at that location. As you do, pray Psalm 74:2-3, asking God to remember and redeem what seems ruined so that He may receive glory.