

# Morning Lesson

## PERSEVERANCE THROUGH PAIN

Psalm 77:4-6, 10-15

### INTRO:

1. Some folks think that preachers don't experience the pain that others do.
  2. We sometimes preach through pain...broken hearts, financial stress, family problems, and personal failures – just like everyone else.
  3. Everyone has pain and, as Christians, we must persevere through it all.
1. **Lam. 3:19-26** – Jeremiah understood. He had bad times, but he realized that every day is a new day with new blessings.
  2. **2 Cor. 4:7-17** – Paul understood. He preached and served God through much pain, but he saw it all in light of eternity. He knew that he could rejoice that better days were coming.
  3. **Ezek. 24:15-18** – Ezekiel understood. He was not allowed to mourn in public when his wife died. Losing those we love hurts, but there is still a life to live and a God to serve.
  4. **Rom. 5:3, 4; 8:28, 35-39** – Paul could write a book about pain, and he actually wrote several. He knew that God is more powerful than any pain if we stay faithful.
  5. **James 1:2-4; 5:10, 11** – James understood. He knew that persevering through pain produces spiritual maturity.
  6. **Matt. 10:29-31** – Jesus understood. He knows that his father is watching over his children.
  7. **2 Thess. 1:3-8** – The Thessalonians came to understand. They developed perseverance and that was proof of God's righteousness and concern for them.
  8. **1 Pet. 5:6, 7** – Peter understood. He knew that the answer to it all is to deny self and let God take over because he cares for us.

### CONC:

1. We are thankful that God is bigger and stronger than anything that comes our way.
2. We ask for reassurance that God is in our lives and will never forsake us.
3. We are thankful for God's promises.
4. Whether we preach or listen to a preacher, may we all stand behind the cross of Christ as we live out the sermon of our lives every day.