

Lamentations – Beware the Shortcut Artist

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Text: *Lamentations 2:1-9, 14; Jeremiah 29:8-9*

The Nature of Spiritual Shortcuts

- Spiritual shortcuts offer the false hope of _____.
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Shortcut Artists Ignore God's Nature

- God is not a _____.
- God is not bound by our _____.
- God does get _____.

Shortcut Artists Ignore the True Healer

- Who can bring _____?
- There is only one _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What “life-hacks” have you found useful? Do “life-hacks” ever really offer new, never discovered information?
- During this week's teaching Pastor Dave noted three areas of false hope offered by spiritual shortcut artists. Which of the three have you embraced to help you through a tough time?
- Why are spiritual shortcuts dangerous? How can we discern when someone is offering us one of these shortcuts?
- Why do you think knowing God's nature is essential to avoiding spiritual shortcuts?
- Why do false prophets and false teachers attempt to offer us what we want rather than what we need?
- Why do you think we struggle so much with the idea that God feels and expresses anger?
- How is God's anger different from human anger? Why does it matter?
- Why do you think spiritual shortcut artists point us to anything and anyone but God for our restoration and healing?
- How can we learn to be more cautious about who we listen to and who we turn to for help in life's most painful circumstances?