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# Timeless Truths for Turbulent Times Jon Rychener

**Isaiah 5:20 (NIV):** Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

## **Three Timeless Truths for Turbulent Times**

Lament is Needed Evil is Real God is Greater

## **Truth #1: Lament is Needed**

Lament is the wailing of the heart before a God who hears, who listens, and who responds to our cries. – Rob Brockman, The Art of Lament

**Psalm 13:1-2 (NIV):** How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?

**Psalm 13:3-4 (NIV):** Look on me and answer, LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

**Psalm 13:5-6 (NIV):** But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the LORD's praise, for he has been good to me.

#### Truth #2: Evil is Real

**John 10:10 (NIV):** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

**John 8:44 (NIV):** ...He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth...

## The Weapons of Our Warfare

A. The Word of God

B. Prayer

C. Praise

## Truth #3: God is Greater

**1 John 4:4 (NIV):** You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

**Psalm 46:1 (NIV):** God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**Psalm 46:2-3 (NIV):** Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.