



3. Read Lamentations 3:19-24. Lamentations was written in the shadow of the Babylonian invasion but the writer still clung to God's love and compassion. When do you find it hardest to sense Jesus with you? How can the promise that God's mercies are new every morning bring you strength and courage, even in those darkest of days?
  
4. During difficult times, has the faithful love of a dog ever warmed you? To what extent have you learned, even in dire circumstances, to lean on and rely on "the faithful love of the Lord"?
  
5. Read Acts 13:38-39. Dogs seem to regularly forgive us, even when we struggle to forgive ourselves. Are there things for which we all find it hard to forgive ourselves? Can claiming God's forgiveness help us to forgive ourselves?
  
6. Read Luke 15:17-24. What does it do for you to have your dog greet you exuberantly when you are dragging home after a bad day? Can you picture God racing down the road to embrace you, even when you are dragging yourself home to God?