

**Main point: God uses loss to lead us to a deeper enjoyment of Him.**

**Point 1: Loss is painful**

**Point 2: Pain leads to God-centered lament**

**Point 3: Lament leads to deliverance**

Quote 1:

“When Jesus returns, the fact that a Christian has gone on trusting and believing even though all the blessings have been removed and he has suffered severe trials will prove to the universe that another human being considers God to be worthy of worship simply because he is God. God will be praised, his glory adored, and his honor seen by the universe because Christian men and women have gone on worshipping him when all the blessings have been taken away.”

Christopher Ash

**Point 4: Deliverance leads to joy in God**

Quote 2:

“God can change all that. We cannot undo what is done. Sin is sin, and the effects of sin often continue for long periods. But God can restore what the locusts have eaten. Opportunities may have been lost, but God can give new and even better opportunities. Friends may have been alienated and driven away, but God can give new friends and even restore many of the former ones. God can break the power of sin and restore a personal holiness and joy that would not have been dreamed possible in the rebellion.”

James Boice

Quote 3:

Romans 10:12-13

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

Mike Plewniak  
Joel 1-3  
Minor Prophets

**Sermon Quotes**  
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Quote 4:

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.”

Jim Elliot