Pain

- What situations or experiences bring us pain?
- How can pain sometimes be a good thing?
- How might God be using pain and trouble in our lives to bring about good?

Tell God's Story in Your Life

Psalm 107

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Poetry in the Bible Parallelism

- Lines come in pairs
- Restatement, contrast, expansion
- Expect poetry
 - personification
 - symbolism
 - one thing stands for many similar things

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Psalms 107-150

Psalm 107

- Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
- Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—
 those he redeemed from the hand of the foe
- those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.
- Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.

Psalm 107 1-3: Call to give thanks to God → He is good! His love is steadfast and enduring! 4-9: - When in trouble: natural, sin, or evil - ...they cried out to God for help. - And God delivered. - Give thanks to God for His love in action - ...for He provided 33-42: God can bring prosperity or poverty. Look to Him

Daniel 4:37

Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. **And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.**

The Big Idea

In our troubles,
cry out to God in Christ,
He will rescue us

because of His goodness and unending steadfast love!

OUR TROUBLES MAY CONTINUE FOR A TIME, YET ...

- · GOD'S LIFE-GIVING, JOY-GIVING SPIRIT WILL BE WITH US
- · ONE DAY THE TROUBLE WILL BE GONE FOREVER
- · OFTEN RELIEF IS NOT FAR AWAY (WE HAVE A GENEROUS GOD)

Application

- 1. When in trouble, cry out to God for rescue
- 2. Then give thanks to God
- 3. And tell others of His goodness and love

Psalm 107:1-2

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let the <u>redeemed</u> of the LORD tell their story.

redeemed = rescued

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.

Psalm 107:8, 15, 21, 31

Psalm 107:43

Let the one who is wise <u>heed</u> these things and <u>ponder</u> the loving deeds of the LORD.

To be wise...

heed = pay careful attention ponder = think about carefully

Are you in trouble?

- Cry out to God for help.
- He will provide! The story is not done yet.

Has He rescued you?

- Thank and praise Him!
- Tell others about His goodness and love