

## *Being in the Dark*

- Why are people afraid of the dark?
- How can you see in the dark?
- Idiom: “They are in the dark.”
- Living well in darkness...

## Seeing in the Dark

Psalm 105

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**LIFE IS FILLED WITH CHALLENGES!  
SOME EXPERIENCE MORE THAN OTHERS**

**Version 1**

**By sight**

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**Version 2**

**By faith**

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12-15 God protected Abraham, his wife, and the rest of his family from harm

16-23 God put Joseph in power in foreign land to rescue the whole family

24-38 Many offspring. God delivered the people, going out with gifts

39-41 God provided shade and warmth, food and water

41-45a God gave them the land



### *The Big Idea*

God is faithful  
to His promises to His people  
in the midst of the challenges of life

A special case (Psalm 105):  
the formation  
of the Jewish people

An invitation to all people:  
abundant life forever  
as God's children in Jesus Christ

### *The promises for those who have faith in Jesus Christ*

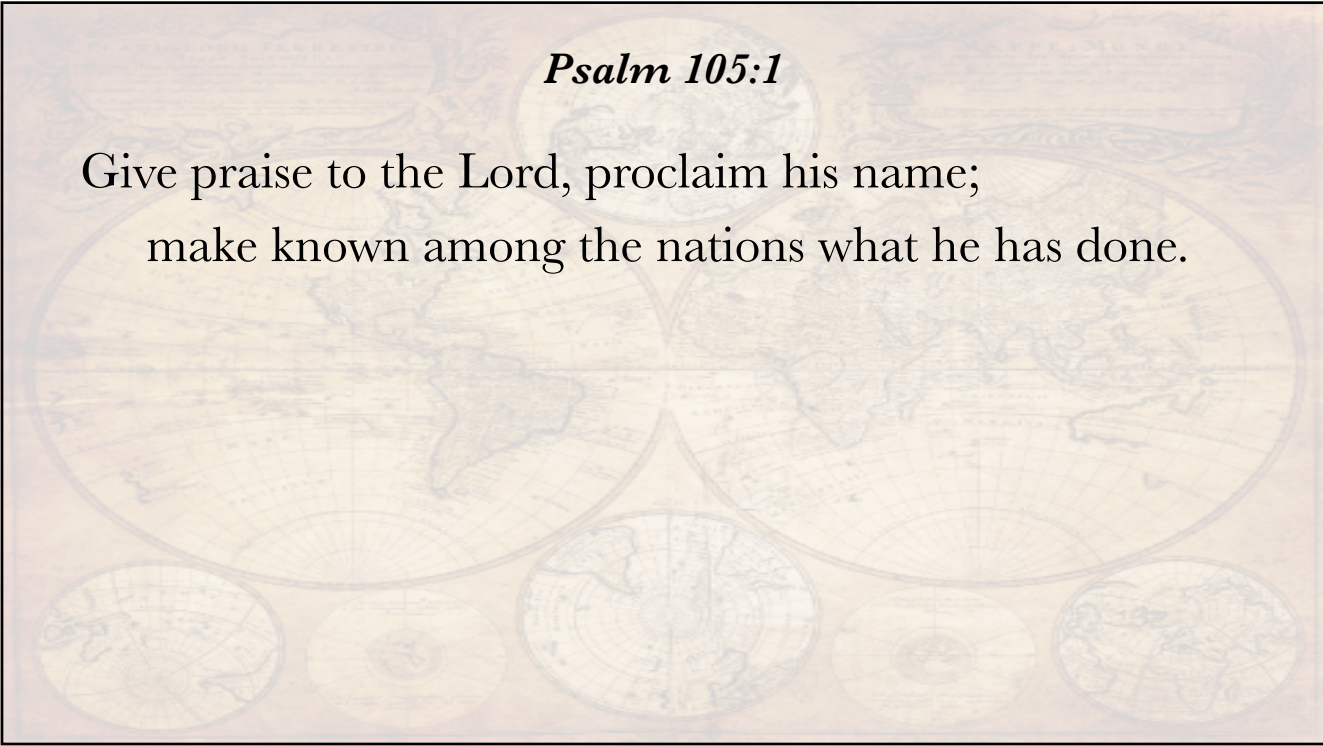
- Not...
  - That life would be easier or more pleasant
- Rather...
  - “That in all things, God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.” *Romans 8:28-29*
  - The Holy Spirit “lives with you and will be in you” *John 14:17*
  - Jesus “will come back and take you to be with me” *John 14:3*



### *How to see in the dark*

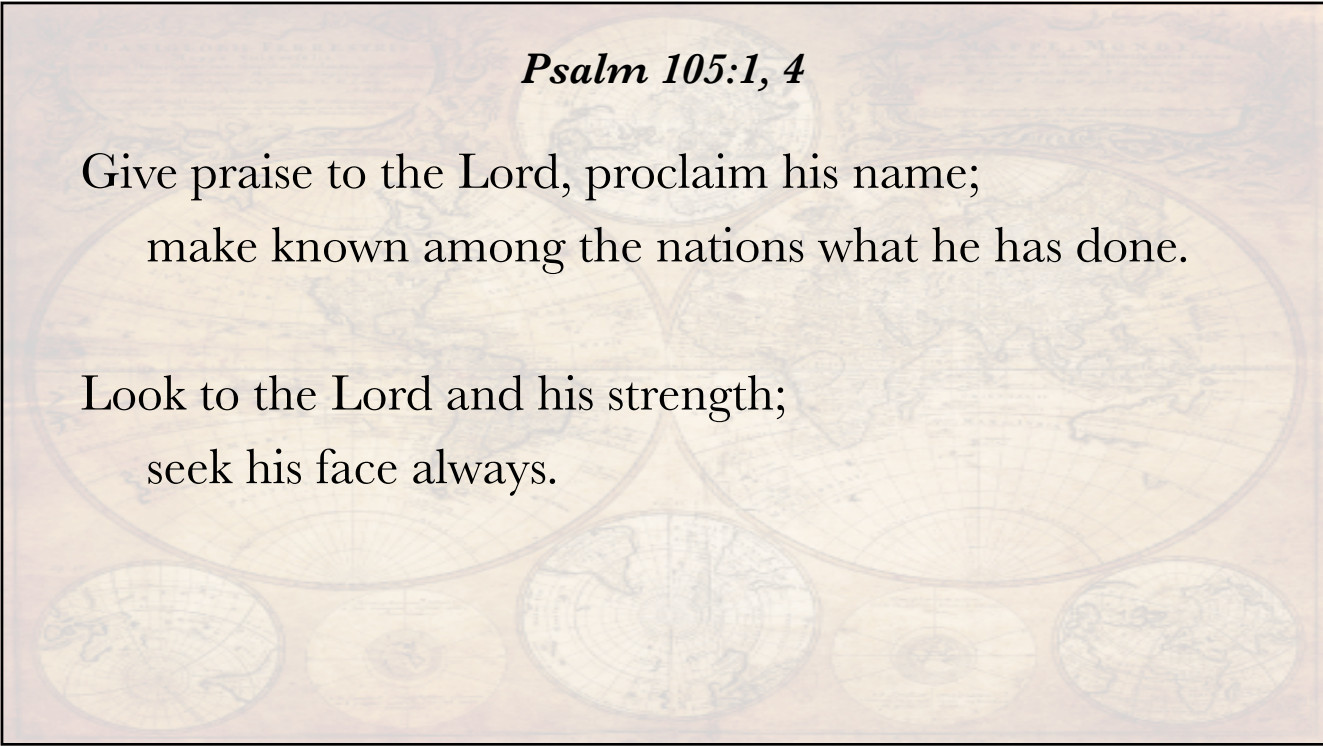
- Remember God's promises and faithfulness
- Tell people of God's promises and faithfulness
- Follow God's Word
  - God's plan:  
rescue individuals  
who become a people  
that reflects His character





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*Psalm 105:1, 4*

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Look to the Lord and his strength;  
seek his face always.

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