

Psalm Chapter 126 – When Sorrow Turns to JOY

Life is miserable on Mondays. You believe that you do everything right; but it seems to backfire on ya. “The check is in the mail;” “You owe new fees;” “SHRINKFLATION;” “Insurance does not cover that;” “I am out of gas;” or worse. When will this change? Let me tell you about my friend the sharecropper, a farmer. He will explain his testimony of **When Sorrow Turns to Joy!**” (the ShareCropper’s Tale)

remember WHY Israel went into captivity

2 Chronicles 7:22 “And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.” **Jeremiah 3 – Backsliding Children of Israel (7x)**

1. Reality of Life for Israel – v. 4

Psalm 126:4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

- Multiple Captivities** – Assyria & Moab in the South, Persia, Babylon in the North.
- MEGA losses** – life, slavery, end of that family
- Regular Hopes Crushed** – Kings made promises, then sold out their own country, through sin.

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

remember WHY Israel returned home

2. The Day It All Changed – vs. 1-3

Psalm 126:1 {A Song of degrees.} **When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. 2** Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: **then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. 3** The LORD hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad.

1st Rebuilt Temple - **Ezra**

2nd Rebuilt Walls – **Nehemiah**

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3. My Biggest Reality

Psalm 126:5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. **6** He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

- My Children** learned my habits – **Hosea 8:7**

“**For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind:** it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.”

- My Income** spent improperly – **Haggai 1:6**

“Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and **he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.**”

- My Health** took a toll - **Psalm 38; 1 Corinthians 11:30**

How Do I Turn My Captivity ?

Nehemiah Chapter 9:1 Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month **the children of Israel** were **assembled with fasting**, and **with sackclothes**, and **earth upon them. 2** And the seed of Israel **separated themselves from all strangers**, and **stood** and **confessed their sins**, and **the iniquities of their fathers. 3** And **they stood up in their place**, and **read in the book of the law** of the LORD their God **one fourth part of the day;** and **another fourth part they confessed**, and **worshipped the LORD their God.**

Separate from BAD influencer & sinful habits – **Psalm 1:1-3; Galatians 6:7**

Confess those sins – **Psalm 32:5; 1 John 1:9**

Psalm 32:5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

Read God’s Word – **Psalm 119:9; Ephesians 5:26**

Praise The Lord with a New Song - **Psalm 40:3; Ephesians 5:19**

Psalm 40:3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: **many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.**