

WHY NOT US? WHY NOT NOW?

For the week of March 5, 2021

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Psalm 85

1. Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
2. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. Selah
3. You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.
4. Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!
5. Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
6. Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?
7. Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
8. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
9. Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.
10. Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.
11. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.
12. Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
13. Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

MESSAGE POINTS:

1. Revival is Possible Because God is Gracious (vs 1-3)
2. Revival is Possible Because God is Merciful (vs 4-6)
3. Revival is Possible Because God is Loving (vs 7-8)
4. Revival is Possible Because God is Faithful (vs 9-11)
5. Revival is Possible Because God is Good (vs 12-13)

GOAL:

To experience the revival that only God can bring.

GET GOING:

- Review time! What is the mission of Highpoint Church? How is this mission related to what we studied in church this week?
- What is revival and why is it often needed?
- What is typically the first step of revival? Why? (Hint: Read 1 John 1:9)
- Look at verse 4. When have you personally experienced this?
- Look at verse 5. Do you often feel that God is angry towards you? Why is a right understanding of God's character a key component to revival?
- Look at verse 7. Why is 'steadfast love' so incredible? What are some of the ways that you have seen God's steadfast love demonstrated in your life?
- Faithfulness and obedience should be our response to revival. Where in your life do you need to grow in greater faithfulness unto God?

KEEP GROWING:

- Turn to Jonah 3. This is not only a story about a big fish, but an account of one of the greatest revivals recorded in Scripture! A ruthless city of sworn enemies of Israel numbering over 120,000 people repent and turns to God.
- What was Jonah's message and why was it impactful?
- How does this relate to what we studied in Psalm 85?
- How do you see repentance demonstrated in this passage?
- Matthew 3:8 says, "Bear fruit in keeping with repentance." What does this mean? Why is it important?
- Look at verse 8. What evil ways have you turned away from in repentance?
- Where do you see the steadfast love of God in this passage?

GET GROUNDED:

- What is preventing you from experiencing revival?
- What impacted you personally from either the message or study today?
- Take a minute to discuss how you can hold one another accountable and encourage each other throughout the week. Where do you need to turn away from evil?

MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 3:8 "Bear fruit in keeping with repentance."