



## The Redeeming, Rescuing, Restoring Grace of God in Difficult Times

Psalm 107

**Ice Breaker Question:** “What are you thankful for this year?”

This year has been rough!! There are memes galore about how hard 2020 has been. We seem to long for relief and good news in some form or fashion. This week, Pastor Jason spoke to the places that have been hard and gave us hope from God’s Word.

1. Be honest about the predicament you are in.

**Discuss the questions that Pastor Jason asked based on Psalm 107:**

- Do you find yourself in a desert?  
*When we cannot see what God is doing, we tend to revert to things that give us immediate comfort. Sin can seem easier in hard times.*
- Do you find yourself in a type of prison?
- Do you find yourself giving in to sin?  
*The pilgrims endured storms on their way to America on the Mayflower. Watching Charlie Brown Thanksgiving gives a new realization to the fact that they were willing to suffer in order to have religious freedom.*

**Pause, Ponder & Pray:** It is important to remember that God’s faithfulness has NOTHING to do with YOU! It has everything to do with HIM! He is faithful and true. Do you feel like God still sees you? If so, talk with Him about it through your gratitude. If not, be honest and tell Him where you are and ask Him to show up.

2. Ask God to help you in your trouble.

God is waiting for you to call on Him for help!

**Consider:** Fill in the blank, “Lord, I need Your help with \_\_\_\_\_.”

3. “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever.”

Pastor Nathan often says that the password to God’s presence is, “Thank You.”

*Thanksgiving is a perfect opportunity to thank God even in the midst of a hard time.*

**Act:**

1. Think of three people you are thankful for and tell them!
2. Write a journal entry, create something or speak out loud some thanks to God.
3. Tell Him something that is true about Him that may encourage your soul to believe Him again.

Write it on your mirror with a dry-erase marker.

*i.e. “God, You are not a man that You should lie. Thank you for telling the truth and calling me to believe You.” “God, You are good, and Your mercies are new every morning. Help me remember even when I can’t see You.” “God, You are faithful, even when I am faithless. Help me to turn from my sin and allow You to give me grace in my time of need.”*

**Speak it out dear ones! The truth will set us free. Happy Thanksgiving.**