

LIFE GOES ON: How to Face a New Normal

HOW TO SING IN THE RAIN

Psalm 137:1-9 Jeff Schreve

How can we sing the LORD'S song in a foreign land?

Psalm 137:4

What do you do when terrible troubles steal your song?

1. Get totally honest with God.

*Trust in Him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart
before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah. Psalm 62:8*

A. Have you experienced a great trauma?

B. Do you feel as if God has forgotten you?

*How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long
will You hide Your face from me? Psalm 13:1*

*My tears have been my food day and night, While they say to me
all day long, "Where is your God?" Psalm 42:3*

C. Have you given up?

*Upon the willows in the midst of it We hung our harps.
Psalm 137:2*

2. Turn your attention to the Kingdom of God.

*If I forget you, O Jerusalem, May my right hand forget her skill. May
my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth If I do not remember you,
If I do not exalt Jerusalem Above my chief joy. Psalm 137:5-6*

A. A Christian is not of this world.

*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly
wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3:20*

B. A Christian is called to shine, share, and sing in this world.

*But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing
hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening
to them. Acts 16:25*

C. A Christian is called to seek first the Kingdom of God.

3. Trust God to make things right in the end.

A. God knows what has happened.

Remember, O LORD, against the sons of Edom the day of Jerusalem, Who said, "Raze it, raze it To its very foundation." O daughter of Babylon, you devastated one, How blessed will be the one who repays you With the recompense with which you have repaid us. How blessed will be the one who seizes and dashes your little ones Against the rock. Psalm 137:7-9

B. God will avenge His adversaries.

Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. Romans 12:18

Will you choose to pick up your harp and sing once again?