

REMEMBER

FINDING GRATITUDE IN HARD TIMES

WEEK 2 - DELIVERED FROM DARKNESS OVERVIEW

In the second message of the series, we will dig into the second and third vignettes, which depict rebellious prisoners and foolish sinners, wrapped in chains of their own making. Despite both groups of people seeming to get what they deserve as a consequence of their rebellion, God's *khesed* (unfailing love) still endures. When these prisoners and foolish sinners call out to the Lord for help, he is quick to deliver. As we reflect on our own sin and rebellion against God, it is profound to consider how deep his love and mercy really go. By placing our faith in Jesus, we can be freed from our imprisonment to sin and delivered from the darkness of our lives. That is a powerful reason to be grateful!

He led them from the darkness and deepest gloom; he snapped their chains. Let them praise the LORD for his great love and for the wonderful things he has done for them.

Psalm 107:14-15

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What songs would you include on a "gratitude playlist"?
2. Describe the *generalized*, *itemized*, and *benefit appraisal* types of gratitude.
3. Identify the Benefactor, benefit, and beneficiary in [Psalm 107:1-2](#).
4. Explain how gratitude is strongly connected to remembrance. (See [Psalm 103:1-2 NKJV](#).)
5. Read [Psalm 107:10-22](#).
 - a. Who are the beneficiaries in this passage?
 - b. What is *tsalmaveth*, described as *darkest and deepest gloom* in verses 10 and 14?
 - i. Read [Psalm 23:4](#).
 1. What should we remember when we are in *tsalmaveth*?
 2. How do the rod and staff bring comfort? (See also [John 10:14](#))
 - c. Why were the prisoners broken with hard labor? (See [verses 11-13](#).)
 - d. Why does the Good Shepherd save the fools and prisoners? (See [verses 17-20](#).)
 - e. Explain how gratitude is strongly connected to repentance.
 - f. Why do God's people all over the world sing songs about Him and to Him? (See [verses 21-22](#).)
6. Explain how gratitude is strongly connected to redemption.
7. What is resilience? Explain how gratitude is strongly connected to resilience.
8. Why should we share stories of God's love and faithfulness? (See [Psalm 107:1-2](#))
9. Can you say, "I am grateful for where I am, compared to where I was"? Share why.