# Songs of God's FAITHFULNESS THAT RESTORES PSALM 85



# Even when God seems far away, His faithfulness makes things turn out well.

- Past Turnings
- Hoped for Turnings
- A Dangerous Turning
- The End of Turnings

 The writers remember a time where God forgave and brought healing to their land Celebrating God's past forgiveness leads us to pray when we face hard times

#### Past Turnings



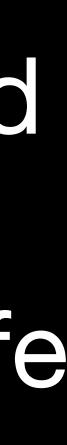


### Hoped for Turnings

- to turn again
- can get the praise

• The people are suffering, and they pray for God

 Revive - take something dead and bring it to life • When God answers prayers for revival, only He



### **A Dangerous Turning**

- When you pray for God to work in your life, do you listen for Him to speak?
- They are confident that God's response will bring holistic well-being
- The danger: As God turns to bless the people,
  - they could turn away from God to folly
- The hope: That God Himself will dwell with His people in the land



## The End of Turning The ideal: God's people live in Godly ways and

- God blesses them
- The problem: We don't and can't live this way
- perfection and access to the blessing He deserves

• The solution: On the cross, Jesus gives us His

The invitation: For us to follow in God's footsteps



# The End of Turning

- What does it look like to follow in God's footsteps?

  - Faithfulness Truth and dependability

  - Shalom Seeking holistic well-being for
    - society and the people in it

 Steadfast love - love that keeps covenants Righteousness - Having right relationships