

*Songs of God's*

**FAITHFULNESS**

**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

# Past 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

# Hoped for Turnings

- The people are suffering, and they pray for God to turn again
- Revive - take something dead and bring it to life
- When God answers prayers for revival, only He can get the praise

# 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

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# 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
- The solution: On the cross, Jesus gives us His perfection and access to the blessing He deserves
- 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?
  - Steadfast love - love that keeps covenants
  - Faithfulness - Truth and dependability
  - Righteousness - Having right relationships
  - Shalom - Seeking holistic well-being for society and the people in it