

Sermon Notes

BELIEVING GOD FOR MORE

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As we move into a new year it is imperative that we lay hold of fresh vision from the Lord as well as fresh faith to believe Him for more. God is always calling us forward but before He moves us on He will renew our faith in Him and His promises so that we say yes to what is next. The last season will often hijack the next one if we don't renew our faith in God which is why we need to take inventory, process well, and truly press in so that we don't stay behind.

We must be aware that discouragement and disappointment may have done more to our faith than we know and it could be holding us back right now. Where that is the case, Psalm 77 gives us a roadmap for stepping into new faith so that we can believe God for more knowing that He is the redeemer of our past and gives us victory over our pain.

Psalm 77:1-15 - My voice rises to God, and I will cry aloud; my voice rises to God, and He will hear me. In the day of my trouble, I sought the Lord; in the night my hand was stretched out without weariness; my soul refused to be comforted. When I remember God, then I am disturbed; when I sigh, then my spirit grows faint. Selah. You have held my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak. I have considered the days of old, the years of long ago. I will remember my song in the night; I will meditate with my heart, and my spirit ponders: will the Lord reject forever? And will He never be favorable again? Has His lovingkindness ceased forever? Has His promise come to an end forever? Has God forgotten to be gracious, or has He in anger withdrawn His compassion? Selah. Then I said, "It is my grief, that the right hand of the Most High has changed." I shall remember the deeds of the Lord; surely I will remember Your wonders of old. I will meditate on all Your work and muse on Your deeds. Your way, O God, is holy; what god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; You have made known Your strength among the peoples. You have by Your power redeemed Your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

WE MUST PROCESS OUR PAIN

Psalm 77:1-6 (NLT) – I cry out to God; yes, I shout. Oh, that God would listen to me! When I was in deep trouble, I searched for the Lord. All night long I prayed, with hands lifted toward heaven, but my soul was not comforted. I think of God, and I moan, overwhelmed with longing for his help. You don't let me sleep. I am too distressed even to pray! I think of the good old days, long since ended, when my nights were filled with joyful songs. I search my soul and ponder the difference now.

WE MUST DEAL WITH OUR DOUBT

Psalm 77:7-10

WE MUST REMEMBER OUR REDEEMER

Psalm 77:11-15