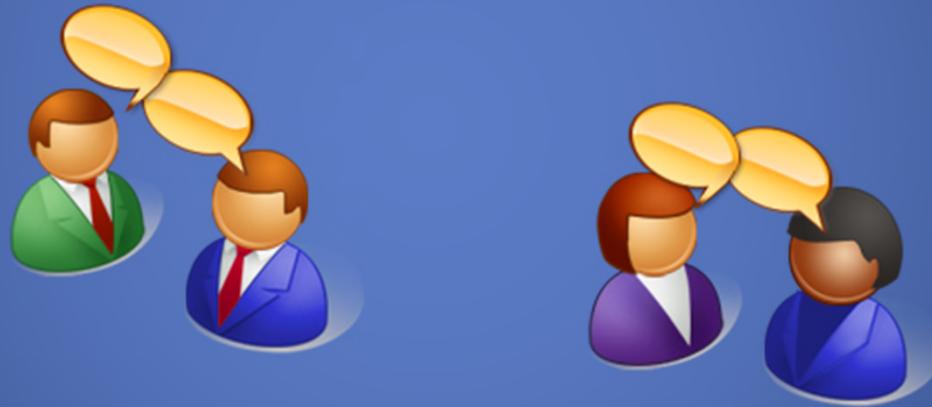


# TELL YOUR STORY!



Psalm 107

# The Current Age

Those who oppose the gospel are fighting to remove all trace of Christian faith from the culture. Consider these examples:

Military: A societal infrastructure controllable by orders. “This is the anchor of our society. The military is the most respected institution in the America. So if you want to change the rest of our society, you have to target the military. If they do what they are trying to do, which is totally change the culture and rob us of our Judeo-Christian values that still reside in the military...the results would be catastrophic.” Lt. Gen. Jerry Boykin U.S. Dep. Under Sec. of Defense Intelligence. Has developed and lead Green Beret and Delta Force Troops.

Society: “In these postmodern times, tolerance is the supreme virtue in the public square. Tolerant people can be broad thinkers – open minded – charitable to every world view...except Christianity. The authoritative demands of Jesus are beyond the threshold of postmodern tolerance.” John MacArthur

Sports: All the way to the White House NBA player Jason Collins was hailed as a hero in late April when he became the first active male professional sports athlete on a No. Am. Team to publicly declare his homosexuality. The Obama’s praised him. “ Proud, Just made a difference.” ESPN Broussard commented: “The bible defines homosexuality, as well as any heterosexuality activity outside of marriage as sin...If you’re happily living in unrepented sin – not just homosexuality but also adultery, fornication, premarital sex – between heterosexuals whatever it may be-I believe that’s walking in open rebellion to God and Jesus Christ. I would not characterize that person as a Christian because I don’t think the Bible would characterize him as a Christian.” The backlash was ferocious.

The scripture itself give us the most powerful antidote and it’s much bigger than political action and it involves everyone of you....

## Psalm 107: 1-3

“Give Thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out!  
Tell others he has saved you from your enemies.

For he has gathered the exiles from many lands,  
from the east and the west, from the north and  
south.”

## Psalm 107: 4-9

“Some have wandered in the desert, lost and homeless. Hungry and thirsty they nearly died. “Lord, HELP,” they cried in their trouble, and he rescued them from their distress.

He led them straight to safety, to a city where they could live.

Let them PRAISE the Lord for his great love and for all his wonderful deeds to them.

For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.”

# Psalm 107: 10-16

“Some sat in darkness and deepest gloom, miserable prisoners in chains. They rebelled against the words of God, scorning the counsel of the Most High. That is why he broke them with hard labor; they fell, and no one helped them rise again.

“Lord, HELP,” they cried in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He led them from the darkness and deepest gloom; he snapped their chains.

Let them PRAISE the Lord for his great love and for all his wonderful deeds to them. For he broke down their prison gates of bronze; he cut apart their bars of iron.”

## Psalm 107: 23 - 32

“Some went off in ships, plying the trade routes of the world. They too, observed the Lord’s power in action, his impressive works on the deepest seas. He spoke and the winds rose stirring up the waves. Their ships were tossed to the heavens and sank again to the depths; the sailors cringed in terror. They reeled and staggered like drunkards and were at their wit’s end. “Lord HELP!” they cried in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He calmed the storm to a whisper and stilled the waves. What a blessing was that stillness as he brought them safely into harbor! Let them PRAISE....”

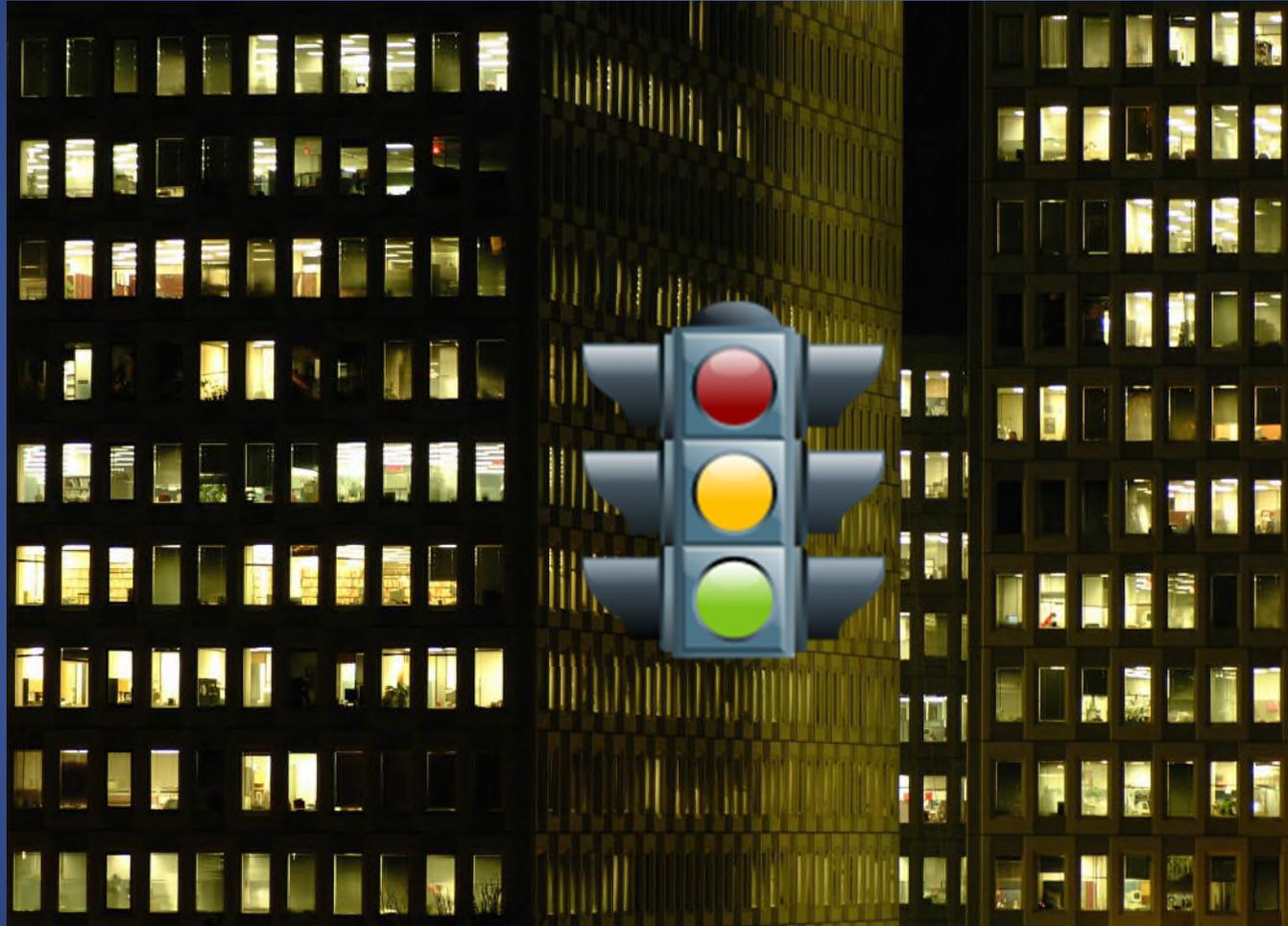
# Psalm 107: 33-38; 42-43

“He changes the rivers into deserts, and springs of water into dry land. He turns fruitful land into salty wastelands, because of the wickedness of those who live there. BUT he also turns deserts into pools of water, the dry land into flowing springs. He brings the hungry to settle there and build their cities. They sow their fields, plant their vineyards, and harvest their bumper crops. How he blesses them They raise large families there and their herds of cattle increase.... The godly will see these things and be glad, while the wicked are stricken silent. Those who are wise will take all this to heart; they will see in our history the faithful love of the Lord.”

- **What to Do – Speak Out** Psm. 107:1-3
- **Has the Lord redeemed you? Say so, often and frequently.**
  - Saved from your enemies. What enemies?
  - Led to safety, a place to live, a place to eat and drink.
  - (Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So)
- **What to Tell – Our Story** Psm .107: 4-9
- **Some of us wandered, lost, aimless, hungry and thirsty. 4-9**
  - We called for HELP and we were heard.
  - We were led to safety, a place to live, to eat and drink.
  - PRAISE (Springs of Living Water 416)
- **Some despaired in depression and meaninglessness (anger) 10-16**
  - They rebelled against God and wisdom
  - He broke them with hard labor; we do not break God's law and it's consequences break us.
  - We called for HELP and we were heard.
  - PRAISE (Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone 85)

- **Some sailed off into life** Psm.107: 23-31
  - They too saw life was not controllable by battle, adventure and beauty.
  - They by their knowledge and skill did not have what it takes to conquer their sin and self.
  - They cried HELP and they were heard.
  - He calmed the storm with a whisper and stilled the waves.
  - PRAISE (Haven of Rest 409)
- **What to Expect – The Unchanging Truth** Psm. 107: 33-43
  - Wickedness in all its forms from nice to nasty, brings the same results.
    - Rivers of life turn into deserts.
    - Land rich to bear fruit turns into salt marsh
  - God's living entrance into life brings:
    - Deserts coming alive with pools of water
    - Dry lands come to life with flowing springs
    - The hungry are fed, the homeless come home
    - Sowing and planting lead to harvest (444 Hallelujah I am Free)
- **The Godly see that this is so and are glad of healing**
- **The Wicked can't and won't believe the whole thing**
- **The Wise take this to Heart; the Foolish learn nothing.**

**For Heaven's Sake**



**Be a Light. Tell Your Story**