

## **Do You Have a Story? Crisis**

### **Psalm 107:1-32**

#### **Points**

- **You have a story.**
- **Whether you know it or not, God is in your story.**
- *Romans 8:28 - <sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*
- *Psalm 107: <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.*
- **The pain of the moment clouds your vision of God's goodness**
- *<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—  
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe*
- **You only understand God's work in your life fully in the rear view mirror**
- *Psalm 107:4-Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.*
- **Crisis: You lack direction.**
- **Cry:** *Psalm 107:6 - Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. The root of all prayer is "Help me."*
- **Rescue:** *Psalm 107:7 - <sup>7</sup> He led them by a straight way  
to a city where they could settle*
- **Thanks:** *Psalm 107:8 - <sup>8</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.*
- *Psalm 107:<sup>10</sup> Some sat in darkness, in utter darkness,  
prisoners suffering in iron chains,  
<sup>11</sup> because they rebelled against God's commands  
and despised the plans of the Most High*
- **Crisis: Your way is a dead end.**
- **Cry:** *Psalm 107:13 - Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.*
- **Rescue:** *Psalm 107 - <sup>14</sup> He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains.*
- **Thanks:** *Psalm 107 - <sup>15</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind,*
- *Psalm 107 - <sup>17</sup> Some became fools through their rebellious ways  
and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.*
- **Crisis: You make a mess.**
- **Cry:** *Psalm 107 - <sup>19</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.*
- **Rescue:** *Psalm 107 - <sup>20</sup> He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.*
- **Thanks:** *Psalm 107 - <sup>21</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.*
- *Psalm 107:<sup>23</sup> Some went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters.*
- *<sup>26</sup> They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths;  
in their peril their courage melted away.*
- *<sup>27</sup> They reeled and staggered like drunkards;  
they were at their wits' end.*
- **Crisis: You are caught in a storm you didn't make.**
- **Cry:** *Psalm 107 - <sup>28</sup> Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.*

- **Rescue:** *Psalm 107: 29 He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.*
- **In a storm you didn't make? Jesus is still in charge of the storm.**
- **Thanks:** *Psalm 107 - 31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.*
- **Which of these stories is your story today?**
- **Are you giving God thanks he is in your story?**
- **No matter your story is, God is there.**

### **Group Discussion Questions**

**Starter:** Have you heard a God story recently that really impacted you? Why did it touch your soul?

**Go Deeper**

1. There is a clear pattern to Psalm 107: Crisis, Cry, Rescue, and Thanks. In your opinion, why would God inspire a writer to use an outline such as this?
2. Read Psalm 107:4-9
3. How would you explain to someone that God leads wanderers to a city? What does that mean to you?
4. Read Psalm 107:10-16, especially v. 16.
5. V. 16 pictures not just a rescue of prisoners, but a destruction of the prison. What does that mean to you?
6. Read Psalm 107:17-22
7. Why would a fool loathe food and draw near to the gates of death?
8. What does it mean to you that God sends out his word and heals the fools?
9. Read Psalm 107:23-32, especially v. 30.
10. Notice that God also guided the wanderers and these caught in the storm. What does that say to you?