



## SONGS FOR A BROKEN WORLD

9. When it's all bleak  
Psalm 4

- David's son has turned against him, David has had to flee for his life

***With God there is peace, hope and joy no matter how bleak the circumstances are***

- Not a false peace from medication or lack of realism, not resignation
- Not peace after circumstances change – peace in the circumstances
- How do we get it?

### 1. ***Don't let your circumstances push you away from God v1***

- Circumstances are meant to turn us to God
- God is only one who can ultimately change us and our circumstances
- God is a God of mercy (v1)

### 2. ***Examine your Heart v4***

- Often we examine our circumstances and not ourselves
- Our reactions reveal where our hope or our confidence lies
- We like to think we can be in control

### 3. ***Place your life in God's hands v5***

- Go to the one who is in control

#### **By sacrifice - not ours, but Jesus' sacrifice**

- Sacrifice meant you had recognised and repented of wrong
- Jesus' sacrifice means that we aren't estranged from God
- Jesus' sacrifice will redeem every circumstance from bleakness

#### **In trust**

- Trusting that God is your father and therefore doing what is best
- Trusting that he will provide for you in every situation
- Trusting that He can transform both us and our circumstances
- Trusting that hindsight and insight will reveal His good purpose

### 4. ***Relish your relationship with God v3, 7,8***

- David allowed his relationship with God to impact his thinking
- He reminds himself that he is God's child v3
- He reminds himself that he has access to his heavenly Father v3
- He reminds himself of God's protection v8
- This cultivates joy, and peace and hope than enables sleep - v8
- David isn't overcome by bitterness, panic or fear because his peace and hope and joy are not found in his circumstances but in God
- Realising that God is your father makes all the difference
- Christian – You need to let our heart be ruled by this reality.
- Not yet a Christian – You need to ask Jesus to bring you into this reality



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Sunday 26th July 09

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#### **Notices**

Sun 23rd - Fri 28th Aug - Letterkenny Go Team

10 or so young people coming to work here for the week, distributing a magazine around Letterkenny and doing other outreach work. Don't forget to be praying for them, and if you are able to be involved in catering or in the week's work, then speak to Mark

#### **Summer Prayer Points**

3 church camps are running this week: Boys' Adventure Camp, Boys' Discovery Camp, and Girls' Discovery Camp. Robert is an officer at the Boys' Discovery Camp. Pray for:

God to challenge and build up the young people

Safety, good weather, and good fun

For those giving talks

Don't forget the Camps' prayer letter - pick up a copy if you haven't got one.

Pray for the different Go Teams on over the summer, from Letterkenny to Galway, from Stranraer to Enniskillen - and many points in between. Pray for:

Courage and graciousness for team members

All the literature distributed

God to work through the teams to bring people to trust in Jesus

Good weather & safety

#### **Christianity Explored**

A 6-week course designed to let you find out the facts about Jesus, and to find answers to your questions the Bible and Christianity.

- You don't need to know anything about the Bible
- You won't be asked to read, pray or answer questions
- You will be given every opportunity to ask your own questions

If you're interested in finding out more, or having one in your home for friends to come to - speak to Mark

Sunday 2nd - Meet the Phillipians - Starting with Paul (Acts 9)

Opening Psalm: 104:21-26

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