

REMEMBER

FINDING GRATITUDE IN HARD TIMES

WEEK 4 - THE WILDERNESS TRANSFORMED OVERVIEW

Our world is unjust. Far too often the downtrodden and forgotten of our world suffer under the oppressions of the powerful as they turn this world into a wasteland. How profound, then, to remember that God *transforms* the desert into a place of abundance and delivers the oppressed. As we face the wastelands of our modern world, the final words of Psalm 107 invite us to put our trust in the unfailing love of the Lord and his promise to make this broken world into a paradise.

*Those who are wise will take all this to heart;
they will see in our history the faithful love of the LORD.*
Psalm 107:43

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever been in a situation like Barry's in Garissa, where it seemed like there was no way out? Explain what happened and how you got through it.
2. Read [Psalm 107:33-43](#).
 - a. Give an example of a "wasteland" in the modern world.
 - b. What would a modern wasteland look like if it was restored?
 - c. Why does God sometimes restore wastelands and sometimes turn fruitful land into a desert?
 - d. What does this passage say about the weak and the powerful?
3. Answer the question posed in the sermon: What are you supposed to do when all you can see is the pain?
4. What story do you have to tell? How has God's faithful love (*khesed*) come through for you?
5. What do you think is the main message of [Psalm 107](#)?
6. Name one thing you will remember from this series on Psalm 107.