

A Faith That Withstands Crisis



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Our society is desperate to find hope and peace in these troubled days. They long to know the truth of Isaiah 26:3: "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." They will be watching God's children to see a testimony of his provision and care for his own.

It's interesting to note that the world observes believers who face challenges. They expect us to sing a song in the midst of our hardest times. We see examples of this in the Word of God. Psalm 137 describes Israel's captivity by the Babylonians, when God's people had lost everything, including their homeland. Still, their captors wanted to hear the songs of victory that the Israelites were known for.

"By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept when we remembered Zion. We hung our harps upon the willows in the midst of it. For there those who carried us away captive asked of us a song, and those who plundered us requested mirth, saying, 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!'" (Psalm 137:1-3).

The Israelites were famous for singing songs of victory; their captors insisted, "Sing to us! We have heard about the great victory songs you offer to God so play them for us!" Some might suggest that this demand was made in mockery, but I believe the Babylonians sincerely longed to hear a testimony. Their own religion had left them empty, dry and hopeless.

Likewise, the world demands a song of victory from God's people today. What they really want to know is, "How are you going to react in this present crisis? We have heard that you think your God is faithful and powerful, but do you trust him in times like these? Does your faith really hold up in times of crisis?"

"He has put a new song in my mouth — praise to our God; many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord" (Psalm 40:3). Your tender, loving Father who is touched by the feelings of your infirmities gives you a song no matter what you're going through.

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