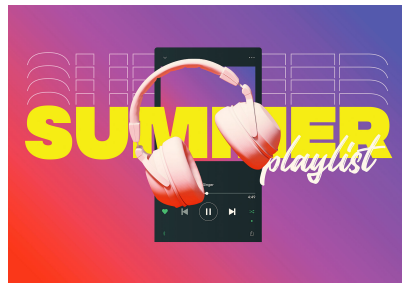


## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### Our Stories; His Glory

With Phil Harwood - Board Member  
August 8, 2021



Psalms 107

**A beautiful picture of our God who never stops rescuing those who call out to Him.**

**The response: the people God has saved give him public praise.**

**Big Idea: God is glorified when we tell others the real stories of how Jesus has saved us.**

**Psalms 107 teaches us to be vulnerable and real in how we share about God's work in our lives.**

1 Timothy 1:12-17 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him, <sup>13</sup> even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief. <sup>14</sup> Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all. <sup>16</sup> But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. <sup>17</sup> All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen.

**Paul calls himself the worst of sinners. But God's mercy rewrote the script.**

**What would it look like if we get in the habit of telling the real stories of how Jesus has and is still rescuing us?**

- **Being real about where we face distress.**
- **Being clear about where or to whom we call for help.**
- **Declaring that our Lord is the one who rescues us so that He is glorified.**

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

**Whether as part of your Impact Community gathering this week, or in the context of a one-on-one relationship, practice telling a real story of how Jesus has saved you, or what distress He is currently rescuing you from right now.**



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#3 of 7 - August 8, 2021**

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