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TEARS AND TREASURE

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READ PSALM 126

Love includes sacrifice. The death of Jesus precedes His resurrection. A mother goes through excruciating pain before she delivers a child. Her weeping turns into joy as she holds her child. Farmers work diligently before the harvest comes.

In ministry, there can be years of prayer and waiting before a breakthrough happens. Exile is brutal, but there is rejoicing when the people return home and experience restoration. The prodigal child brings grief to many hearts, but there is a celebration in heaven when they come to their senses and return to God. This Psalm covers the full range of emotions. The Lord has done great things.

God heals after many hardships.

After a drought, God sends rain, and the rivers are flowing again. Jesus came to set captives free. Don't grow weary and give up. Stay faithful and trust God with the timing and results.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What is captivity and exile then and today? ([Psalm 126:1](#))
2. What is the joy of the Lord, and how do you receive it? ([Psalm 126:2](#))
3. What has God done for you that you share with others? ([Psalm 126:3](#))
4. How does God bring restoration? ([Psalm 126:4-5](#))
5. Why do tears and suffering precede the harvest? ([Psalm 126:6](#))
6. Who can you share this Scripture with during the upcoming week?