

# Songs for Summer

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

## Psalm 85

*To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. <sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. Selah <sup>3</sup> You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. <sup>4</sup> Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! <sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? <sup>6</sup> Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? <sup>7</sup> Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. <sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. <sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. <sup>11</sup> Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. <sup>12</sup> Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. <sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.*

*Next Week: Psalm 86*

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## TALK SHEET

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1. Do you ever feel that the Lord is angry with you?
2. This psalm asks the Lord to put aside His indignation (anger) against us. The original audience of this psalm would have struggled with this idea, how does living in light of Christ change how we see God putting aside His anger?
3. In verse 8 the psalm speaks of listening, saying "let me hear." in what ways can we hear the Lord today? How do we know when what we hear is from the Lord?
4. React to verse 10, what does this verse mean?
5. The final stanza of this psalm (10-13) finishes on a positive note, how does the psalmist get there and what makes the final thoughts of this psalm so positive?
6. Pray that the Lord will restore us to Himself and for revival in our desire for Him.