Sermon Outline

"The Hope of Christmas for Troubled Souls" (Psalm 77)

Jose Troche December 17, 2017

Main Idea: In today's sermon on Psalm 77, Jose Troche helps us to see how our God and Savior Jesus Christ is the answer to trouble in our lives. Trials and tribulations will come to God's people, but our Hope and Help is always in God himself.

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- 1. Troubled (v1-4)
- 2. Doubtful (v5-9)
- 3. Hopeful (v10-15)
- 4. Blown Away (v16-20)

Key Text/Quotes:

¹³ Your way, O God is holy.

What God is great like our God?

¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders;

you have made known your might among the peoples.

¹⁵ You with your arm redeemed your people,

The children of Jacob and Joseph. Psalm 77:13-15

"In a remote, unimpressive village, the redeeming arm of the God of Psalm 77 took human form and was born in the likeness of men. He was named Jesus, which means "God Saves" ...He came to redeem his people with his own blood, to deliver them from their misery and captivity to sin, to open for them the path to salvation..." Jose Troche

Fellowship Starters:

- 1. Read Psalm 77 and open in prayer.
- 2. Jose opened by sharing his "story" in which he walked through a season "when the landscape looked grey and depressing". Discuss why is it that God's people, those loved by God, experience such lows and difficulties?
- 3. Why is it that God gave us the Psalms and books like Job? How might he have intended us to benefit from them? And how does "remembering" God's acts of redemption play an integral role in helping us in our struggles?
- 4. How do the Psalms relate to Jesus Christ and the Gospel? Why is it important to always remember that relationship?
- 5. If any of you are currently in the midst of a trial, take some time to encourage and pray for one another as you seek to "ponder all of your work and meditate on your mighty deeds" (Ps 77:12).

Sermon audio and outlines: