

## **BUILDING BRIDGES: *Jesus Builds Bridges to Others* (Psalm 85)**

- i. Do you remember playing the Bridge game as children, the one when you hold your breath as you travel across the bridge?
- ii. Functionally, strong bridges carry us safely over something treacherous, chaotic or unpassable.
- iii. What is salvation? What are we being saved from?
- iv. Being saved by Jesus might be bigger than we originally thought.

THERE ARE 3 VERSES IN THIS SALVATION SONG WORTH LEANING INTO ...

### **I. VERSE ONE: SALVATION STARTS (1-2)**

- a. The land flourishes – people flourish
- b. Sins are forgiven – God is engaged

### **II. VERSE TWO: THE CHAOS AND TREACHERY UNDERNEATH (3-7)**

- a. There verses are a lament
- b. What does it mean for God to be upset? Divine indifference.
- c. God's "hand's off" approach results in chaos and treachery.
- d. The song gives room for imagination. Imagination is knowledge having fun.
  - i. How is the earth effected?
  - ii. How is our relationship with God effected?
  - iii. How is our relationship with one another effected?
- e. The result is we operate from fear, anxiety, contempt and scarcity.

### **III. VERSE THREE: SALVATION'S ONGOING CALL (8-13)**

- a. We proclaim verses 1-2.
- b. We work as God's hands and feet for 8-13
  - i. Compassion (love)-*hesed*= not emotion or pressing passion but a conscious decision that needs the truth and strength of faith.
  - ii. Faithfulness-*emet*= not dogged determination to remain loyal to beliefs, as much as trust that God will always be at work in love.
  - iii. Justice (righteousness)-*tsedeq*= not puffed up morality according to our ideas of theology, politics, doctrine and decrees as much as God desires all things set relationally right; between God and people, people to people, community to community, people to creation.
  - iv. Peace-*shalom*= not just the absence of conflict as much as all people and things flourishing.

APPLICATIONS:

2. To embrace Jesus is generative.

3. Solidarity results in abundance.

Call to Action: How will build a bridge to others in order to see justice and peace embrace on Bradford Ave?