

BUILDING BRIDGES: *Emanuel Walks with Us Across the Bridge*

Psalm 126

- i. This is a song of ascent, sung ascending the steps of the restored Jerusalem Temple of Worship.
- ii. Bridges carry us from a remembered past to a joyful hope on the other side.

WE CAN TRAVEL THIS ADVENT BRIDGE WITH JESUS WHEN WE ENTER INTO ITS THREE LOCATIONS ...

I. THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS PAST—REMEMBER PREVIOUS PROVISION

- A. God's provision was beyond our wildest dreams.
- B. Not a nostalgic trip to the past as much as a memory to propel us forward to the other side.
- C. Shouted a loud—JOY!
- D. God delivered God's people...
- E. God delivered PPC ...

II. THE TEARS OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT—PRAY OUR PETITIONS

- a. "sow in tears"
- b. The cultural situation
- c. The situation in the church

III. THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS FUTURE—PROJECT HOPE

- a. Leads to "reap in joy"
- b. Salvation is "forgiveness from sins and being the hands and feet of Christ to allow compassion and faithfulness embrace and right-ness and peace kiss"
Psalm 85:12
- c. In culture ...
- d. In the church ...

Call to Action: once a day over the next week take time to enter into this Remember, Grieve, Dream cycle by writing out a remember when God did something beyond my wildest dreams. Second, write down something that you miss and bring your tears to God. Third, dream a new way forward and live into it with Great joy by committing before God to jump in wholeheartedly.