



Got Five Questions For All World-changers

“Beside the rivers of Babylon, we sat and wept as we thought of Jerusalem. We put away our lyres, hanging them on the branches of the willow trees. For there our captors demanded a song of us. Our tormentors requested a joyful hymn: ‘Sing us one of those songs of Jerusalem!’ But how can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill upon the harp. May my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth if I fail to remember you, if I don't make Jerusalem my highest joy.” ~ Psalm 137:1-6, nlt

Five questions come forth from the lyrics of this old psalm (see verses: 1, 2-4, 5-6, 7-9) that can actually serve as an inventory of your spiritual life today. The writer-believer who wrote this piece dreamt beautiful dreams, he cried warm tears, and he also sang lovely songs.

The people were also weeping, and no wonder why—the children of Israel were taken off far away into exile, to a very strange place marked by strange worship called, Babylon.

How could they ever forget the beauty of Zion, the place of their birth and of their upbringing? Man, now they were hoping and praying for the day of their return home.

Perhaps, today you find yourself in a very strange land. Do you feel far from home? Perhaps you are, even while you live in the land of your upbringing. Need hope? One day we believers will indeed be home and all the weirdness of earth will be gone forever.

So, here are the questions for real world changers...

1. What do you dream about? What would you do if you had zero fear of failure and money was not an issue? The answer to that question will tell you many things.

2. What do you yearn for? What do you long for ahead of everything else ..and why? The core of what you yearn for ..apart from all sin.. is important to God.

3. What do you feel angry or joyous about? If you love the Lord, you must hate evil (Ps. 97:10, Rom. 12:9), but please do leave the judgment to the Lord (Rom. 12:17-21). Not all anger is of course ..bad. Sometimes it is very good to experience anger like when innocent unborn or born babies are being murdered, but that doesn't mean it's right to go bomb or burn down an abortion clinic. What would be bad is someone who never felt angry at all, or never did anything to fight against the evil in our world. What would also be bad is someone who felt dead inside—perpetually numb—or paralyzed and chose not to prudently act

maybe due to any number of sins from other people around them. We are certainly not to wait until we feel like it.. before we act or speak appropriately. And fellowship with the gracious One who made us can begin to address this. Bustin' open a can-of-righteous-doing and even speaking out boldly against what's wrong or evil is so very important for each of us to do ..at the right time! Contextually, God had promised to judge Babylon (Isa. 13. See verse 16), so the Jews were praying in the will of God.

4. What do you shed tears over? *What burden make you weep? What motivates you to get up in the morning ..and even propels you to become red hot passionate for Christ? Is it over stuff that you cry ..or is it related to hurting people? How often do you feel concerned about stuff this? The Jews wept as they remembered the past. It sadly wasn't over their sins or because they hurt God--it was over the fact that their own sins and consequences had caught up with them.*

5. What do you sing about? *The Jews lost their song, so they hung up their harps. Didn't Dave experience something like this (Ps. 32:1-7)? Will you, regardless of what you feel, sing in even difficult places (Acts 16:25). What makes your feet rejoice—what do you sing about? Are you some kind of skilled Karaoke singer in a bar, or do you have a much higher purpose?*

We can rejoice in the Lord always, no matter what goes on around us. You can also **enjoy fellowship with Christ** if you want. When all else changes around you, He and His truth will never change.

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