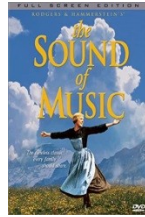


Message Outline
Broadway and the Bible:
The Sound of Music
Psalm 77

Intro: Summer recap of Broadway tunes and Biblical truths...

- One of my grandma's classics... The Sound of Music!

When the dog bites
When the bee stings
When I'm feeling sad
I simply remember my favorite things
And then I don't feel so bad



- Reflecting on thanksgiving in the midst of life's thundering...

Read: Psalm 77 NLT

v.1-3—Shouting for answers... deep trouble... no comfort... ever been there?

- The Psalms express real human experience...
- Emotional and spiritual health found in the Psalms...

v.4-9—Robbed of sleep... feeling like the good days are gone... onslaught of unanswered questions... difficult storm!

v.10-15—Comfort begins to break thru in recalling God's past acts...

- The Psalmist cites God's holiness and power...

v.16-20—An example of God's deliverance in the midst of a dilemma...

- The value of remembering God's song in the midst of life's storms!

Group Discussion

**What are some of your favorite things?*
(ie. raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens kind of things)

**What are some of your favorite things God has done in the Bible?*

**What are some "storms" God has led you personally thru? What/How?*

Psalm 77 NLT

- ¹ I cry out to God; yes, I shout.
Oh, that God would listen to me!
- ² When I was in deep trouble,
I searched for the Lord.
All night long I prayed, with hands lifted toward heaven,
but my soul was not comforted.
- ³ I think of God, and I moan,
overwhelmed with longing for his help. *Interlude*
- ⁴ You don't let me sleep.
I am too distressed even to pray!
- ⁵ I think of the good old days,
long since ended,
- ⁶ when my nights were filled with joyful songs.
I search my soul and ponder the difference now.
- ⁷ Has the Lord rejected me forever?
Will he never again be kind to me?
- ⁸ Is his unfailing love gone forever?
Have his promises permanently failed?
- ⁹ Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has he slammed the door on his
compassion? *Interlude*
- ¹⁰ And I said, "This is my fate;
the Most High has turned his hand against me."
- ¹¹ But then I recall all you have done, O Lord;
I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago.
- ¹² They are constantly in my thoughts.
I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works.
- ¹³ O God, your ways are holy.
Is there any god as mighty as you?
- ¹⁴ You are the God of great wonders!
You demonstrate your awesome power among the
nations.
- ¹⁵ By your strong arm, you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. *Interlude*
- ¹⁶ When the Red Sea saw you, O God,
its waters looked and trembled!
The sea quaked to its very depths.
- ¹⁷ The clouds poured down rain;
the thunder rumbled in the sky.
Your arrows of lightning flashed.
- ¹⁸ Your thunder roared from the whirlwind;
the lightning lit up the world!
The earth trembled and shook.
- ¹⁹ Your road led through the sea,
your pathway through the mighty waters—
a pathway no one knew was there!
- ²⁰ You led your people along that road like a flock of
sheep,
with Moses and Aaron as their shepherds.