

# SONG DEVOTIONALS

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## We Need You

*Psalm 80:7 "Restore us, O God Almighty; make your face shine down upon us, that we may be saved."*

America is in a moral crisis. Never before in our history have we been so divided when it comes to moral issues. CEO's and executives are going to jail because of fraud, the institution of marriage is under attack, families are disintegrating before our eyes; America needs revival. Now before you go ahead and throw me into the "negativity" camp, hear me out for a minute. There is hope. I believe that God is willing and able to bring a revival to our country like we have read about during the Great Awakenings in the beginning stages of our country's formation. Where does it start? In our churches.

I believe the answer for our country is found in the hearts of God's people. We have all kinds of wonderful programs and many great churches are popping up everywhere. But the answer and the hope of America will begin with brokenness. Today, I see a lot of talented people singing, speaking and writing interesting books on the Christian life, but I wish I saw more brokenhearted people who, with humility and a love for the church, fall on their face before God. I long for that to happen to me personally.

We have an independence problem. We actually think we can live life apart from God. We really believe that we can read one verse a week and pray before our meals and be all right. I am not talking about working more for God but I am talking about allowing God to work through us. We have time for golf, movies, cell phones, chat rooms and coffee shops but we have grown callous to God's voice. I know this is true because I have a callous heart as well. But I don't want to have one, I want a heart that is broken before God and is yielded to Him completely.

As Asaph wrote Psalm 80:7, the nation of Israel was in great rebellion towards God. You can hear the brokenness and the humility in his voice. He longs for the intimacy and grace of God to rescue him and his country from ruin. He knew that no nation that ignores and mocks God will prosper. He knew that turning back to a life of dependency upon God is the only answer. It is our only answer too. What our postmodern society needs is less relevancy from the church and more brokenness. We need to stop trying to figure out the church market and ask God to pour out His power and Spirit in our churches. We need God. Without Him we are hopeless.