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**Hope Renewed**

***Psalm 126***

**Topic:** Hope

**Subject:** How can we overcome grief?

**Complement:** Trust God to refresh you in his own time.

**Purpose:** The listeners will have hope in the Lord in the midst of their pain.

# Introduction

### Interest: The church in Amman has endured four deaths in the past week of Christian leaders.

### Need: Do you have hope in times of grief?

### Subject: How can we overcome grief?

### Background: Ps 136 is a psalm of exile where Jews were told to sing one of the happy songs of Zion—but often we don’t feel like singing.

### Preview: Psalm 126 has two movements:

#### Verses 1-3 look back to the restoration from exile.

#### Verses 4-6 look forward to God restoring Israel’s fortunes.

### Text: Psalm 126 is our own cry for full restoration.

# I. God has worked in our past (1-3).

## He brought Israel back from Babylon (1-2a).

## They testified of God’s goodness to do such amazing things (2b-3).

# II. God will work in our future (4-6).

## God restored Israel much like he restored the desert with renewed streams (4).

### God restored Israel much like he restored Job’s fortunes (Job 42).

### Now we ask God to restore believers who went astray—and churches that have lost their way.

## When we sow in tears, we still sow rather than feel sorry for ourselves (5a)—but we must wait until God brings the harvest (5b).

## We also cry as we plant our seed (6a), but God will restore our singing once again when we see the harvest (6b).

# Conclusion

### The faithful God of your past is the faithful God of your future (MI).

### Application: Trust God to refresh you.