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"We're Gonna' Make It!"

Ann Sallie

Recalling missionary statesman Charles Greenaway speaking at a Missions Conference in one of the churches my husband pastored peaked my interest to look back and pull forward lessons learned through difficult seasons as a pastor's wife for over 30 years.

Perhaps your despair seems so great you see no way to escape and see no hope for the future. You're dragging through each day, struggling to put one foot in front of the other. The weight of the world is on your shoulders and you can barely stand. The lies of the enemy echo through your mind speaking doubt, fear, suspicion, accusations, failure, hurt, and disappointment. The pain continues to increase. You feel deserted, disregarded and discounted! You believe the truth "We're Gonna Make It," but you believe it is for others, not yourself.

Well, I have fabulous news for you! Our precious Savior still speaks in the storm; you are His child and you are "Gonna Make It!" He is your shelter in the storm and your deliverer from the storm. Jesus majors in rescuing—a specialty whose end is hope for a new day!

During a season in my life when the above description would have been an understatement, the Lord spoke to me through a very specific scripture. Isaiah 58:10b "... your light will rise in the darkness, and your *night* will become like the *noontday*." Isaiah 58 is a fasting call resulting in restoration, and the Lord spoke very directly into my soul that my *night* would become like the *noontday*. Through many years this promise has remained fresh to me, and the Lord has brought it to pass over and over and over.

God speaks to us in many ways. During this particular season in my life, Dick Foth spoke at our church. During his sermon, he stopped and taught us a new song: "God will make a way, where there seems to be no way, He works in ways I cannot see, He will make a way for me...." —Once again, the Lord spoke into my heart so very strongly—it has never left my spirit—not even for one day.

Listen for the Lord to speak to you during your difficult season. He *wants* to speak to you. You are His child. He will speak to you. He will lift you up. Receive His hope today. You *are* "Gonna' Make It!"