

Sermon Discussion Guide:

Psalm 34

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Scripture: **Psalm 34**

OVERVIEW

In Psalm 34, we see David's personal testimony about lessons he has learned from his trials. He passionately shares wisdom as he reflects on what has happened in his life, sees the hand of God in it, and praises God with exuberance. Psalm 34 is a psalm of praise. We are reassured that—as believers—we are never alone. God is near to the brokenhearted. He sees our pain, hears our prayer, and is our deliverer.

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Psalm 56; 1 Samuel 21; Deuteronomy 4:7; Romans 8:31–32

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Consider the explanation of a believer's circumstance being oriented, disoriented, and re-oriented. How do life's situations move us from one position to another? Knowing from scripture that God never leaves us, how can man's actions change the daily communication or nearness?
2. The psalm was broken into two major segments: **focus on the Lord** and **man's response**. How does this depict our relationship and our daily walk with God?
3. What does David say about God? What characteristics of God are encouraging to the believer reading Psalm 34? Why does David praise God?
4. We know from 1 Samuel that David has lived a tumultuous life. He is set aside and chosen by God—given great abilities and wisdom. David loves and trusts God, yet his life is not easy. He is exalted by man for his bravery, then envied & hated by Saul. His outcome seemed uncertain and his circumstances erratic. When we review Psalm 34:1–10, what can we glean from David's response to God?
5. It was mentioned that Psalm 56 was probably written closer to the actual time when David was in hiding, evading Saul, fleeing for his life. How does David react to God during this time of confusion? What is his prayer? How can this encourage us when we feel our life is off track or upside down?

At the close of the sermon, we were encouraged to remember: **During times of trial, "Don't lose heart or turn away, don't question, don't re-think, don't ever consider that God is forsaking you."**