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For Sunday, August 7th "Rescue & Reverence"

Psalm 34 – NIV

Of David. When he pretended to be insane before Abimelek, who drove him away, and he left.

- ¹ I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
- ² I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- ³ Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

- ⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
- ⁶ This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.

- ⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
- ⁹ Fear the Lord, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
- ¹¹ Come, my children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- ¹² Whoever of you loves life
and desires to see many good days,
¹³ keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from telling lies.
- ¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

- ¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are attentive to their cry;
- ¹⁶ but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to blot out their name from the earth.

- ¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸ The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

¹⁹ The righteous person may have many troubles,
but the Lord delivers him from them all;

²⁰ he protects all his bones,
not one of them will be broken.

²¹ Evil will slay the wicked;
the foes of the righteous will be condemned.

²² The Lord will rescue his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Reading Psalm 34:

- Call to Worship (Ps. 34:1-3)
- Confession of Faith, Rescue (Ps. 34:4-7)
- Invitation & Instructions, Reverence (Ps. 34:8-14)
- Encouragement (Ps. 34:15-22)

Takeaway: We respond to being rescued by God by standing in reverence.

Questions:

1. Think about a time you needed help or to be rescued. Who helped you? What did you learn?
2. How might our experience of receiving help impact another person or group of people?
3. Reflect on Psalm 34:4. When has God delivered you from a fear? What fear might you need deliverance from today?
4. Reflect on Psalm 34:8. How might we, like David, invite others to “taste and see that the Lord is good”?

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