

**Sermon Questions**  
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**Deliverance**

*Psalms*

Psalm 34

**Introduction:**

1. Give an example of a Scripture you've found helpful in times of trouble.
2. How do you usually react when you feel cornered...stuck...don't know what to do...you're facing a crisis?

**Reading (Scripture Reference):** Read Psalm 34

**Understanding (choose 3-5)**

3. When you think of David, which events in his life stand out to you. Tell why these stand out:  
His fighting the giant Goliath  
His reign as king of Israel  
His adultery with Bathsheba  
His successful military battles  
His writing Psalms  
Other

4. Read 34: 6, 15. What was David's response to this crisis?  
How does his response compare to the way you usually respond to a crisis?

5. Who are some others who cried out to the Lord in a crisis and God heard them?  
Which of these is most like something you're going through?

Exodus 3:7-9

1 Samuel 1:10-11,19-20

1 Samuel 9:16

6. Are you surprised that David was afraid (34:11)? God wasn't surprised. How did God rescue him from his fear?

7. Read Psalm 34:7, 9, 10, and 18. How did God respond to David's cry?
8. Read Matthew 27:46. Why did God forsake Jesus on the cross? What is the result of that for us who believe?

**Application:**

9. Oswald Chambers said: "The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else." Dave said, "think about what it means to fear something. It means that you're in awe of this thing, and you're impressed by its power to affect your life. So you fear it! And God says, be in awe of me, and realize that my power is even greater. So that threatening thing is still there—it still has some power—but God's power is just greater. How can you apply this to something you're afraid of?"
10. Dave said, "God is incredibly creative, and incredibly surprising in the ways that he enters in and delivers us from our troubles. . . . God works through our good decisions and even our not-so-good decisions. The point is, ultimately, it's God who rescues. Sometimes he pulls *out* of bad situations; other times, he brings us strongly through them. Describe situations in which God rescued you *out of* a crisis or *through* one."

### **Lectio Divina:**

1. **Opening Prayer:** Ask God for insight into His Word, for open hearts and minds, for hunger to know Him better, and for an attitude of learning from one another.
2. **Reading:** Have someone from your group read the passage aloud.
3. **Meditation:** Spend an *entire minute in complete silence*, contemplating what was just read. Feel free to re-read the passage or jot down thoughts/highlight what stuck out to you.
4. **Sharing:** At the leader's signal, invite group members to share their insights for about 5 minutes.
5. **Repeat:** After the 5 minutes are over, repeat the process 2 more times. Listen/read like you haven't heard this passage before. If there are longer moments of silence, the leader can prompt discussion with the following questions:
  1. What did you hear and what seems important?
  2. What is the Holy Spirit impressing on you?
  3. What does it make you think of from your life?

*I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.  
O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together.  
I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:1-4*

*Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.  
Psalm 34:5-7*

*Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. Psalm 34:8-9*