

# Message Outline

## Introduction:

David's story -1 Samuel 21:10-15; 22:1-2

I. We are to Pursue God by...

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Ps 34:1-3

Psalm 34:1-3 (ESV) <sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

<sup>3</sup> Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

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B.

Ps 34:6,15,17

Psalm 34:6 (ESV) <sup>6</sup> This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

Psalm 34:15 (ESV) <sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

Psalm 34:17 (ESV) <sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.



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C.

Ps 34:8

Psalm 34:8 (ESV) <sup>8</sup> Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

D.

Ps 34:9,11

Psalm 34:9 (ESV) <sup>9</sup> Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those  
who fear him have no lack!

Psalm 34:11 (ESV) <sup>11</sup> Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach  
you the fear of the LORD.



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E.

Ps 34:13-14

Psalm 34:13-14 (ESV) <sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

<sup>14</sup> Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Whole Life = Words, Walk, Works

II. In Our Pursuing, God is...

A.

Ps 34:15

Psalm 34:15 (ESV) <sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

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B.

Ps 34:4,6,17,18

Ps 51:17; Isaiah 57:15

Psalm 34:4 (ESV) <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalm 34:6 (ESV) <sup>6</sup> This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

Psalm 34:17 (ESV) <sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

Psalm 34:18 (ESV) <sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

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C.

Ps 34:9-10

Ps 23:1; 84:11; Phil 4:19

Psalm 34:9-10 (ESV) <sup>9</sup> Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

<sup>10</sup> The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Psalm 73:25 (NASB) <sup>25</sup> Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.



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D.

Ps 34:7

Psalm 34:7 (ESV) <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Psalm 5:11-12 (NASB) <sup>11</sup> But let all who take refuge in You be glad, Let them ever sing for joy; And may You shelter them, That those who love Your name may exult in You. <sup>12</sup> For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD, You surround him with favor as with a shield.



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Psalm 32:7 (NASB) <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.

Psalm 32:10 (NASB) <sup>10</sup> Many are the sorrows of the wicked, But he who trusts in the LORD, lovingkindness shall surround him.

Psalm 125:1-2 (NASB) <sup>1</sup> Those who trust in the LORD Are as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever. <sup>2</sup> As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His people From this time forth and forever.

Psalm 139:5 (NASB) <sup>5</sup> You have enclosed me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.





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Zechariah 2:5 (NASB) <sup>5</sup> 'For I,' declares the LORD, 'will be a wall of fire around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.'"

Zechariah 9:8 (ESV) <sup>8</sup> Then I will encamp at my house as a guard, so that none shall march to and fro; no oppressor shall again march over them, for now I see with my own eyes.



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## Conclusion:

David with Saul 1 Samuel 24:4-7; 26:7-25 especially vs 24  
Something is different here from 1 Samuel 21

How do I pursue the Lord practically?

Desire

Decision

Time

Faith



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# Pursuing God

Psalm 34:1-18 (ESV)



I. We Are To Pursue God by...

A. Praising

**<sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at all times; his  
praise shall continually be in my  
mouth.**

**Psalm 34:1 (ESV)**

**2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

**Psalm 34:2 (ESV)**

**3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!**

**Psalm 34:3 (ESV)**



# I. We Are To Pursue God by...

A. Praising

B. Praying



**6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.**

**Psalm 34:6 (ESV)**

**15** The eyes of the LORD are toward  
the righteous and his ears toward  
their cry.

**Psalm 34:15 (ESV)**

**17** When the righteous cry for help,  
the LORD hears and delivers them out  
of all their troubles.

**Psalm 34:17 (ESV)**

A scenic landscape featuring a paved road that curves through a valley. The road is flanked by a metal guardrail on the right and a grassy hillside on the left. In the distance, a town is visible under a sunset sky with a bright sun, clouds, and a few birds flying. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and hopeful.

# I. We Are To Pursue God by...

- A. Praising
- B. Praying
- C. Tasting

**8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

**Psalm 34:8 (ESV)**



# I. We Are To Pursue God by...

- A. Praising
- B. Praying
- C. Tasting
- D. Fearing

9 Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!

Psalm 34:9 (ESV)

**11 Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

**Psalm 34:11 (ESV)**





# I. We Are To Pursue God by...

- A. Praising
- B. Praying
- C. Tasting
- D. Fearing
- E. Obeying

**13 Keep your tongue from evil and  
your lips from speaking deceit.**

**Psalm 34:13 (ESV)**

**14 Turn away from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.**

**Words Ps 34:13**

**Walk Ps 34:14a**

**Works Ps 34:14b,c**

**Psalm 34:14 (ESV)**

A scenic photograph of a winding asphalt road on a hillside during sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright flare and casting a golden glow over the landscape. Several birds are seen flying in the sky. The road curves to the right, and a metal guardrail runs along its edge. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

II. In Our Pursuing, God is...

A. Hearing and Seeing

**15** The eyes of the LORD are toward  
the righteous and his ears toward  
their cry.

**Psalm 34:15 (ESV)**



## II. In Our Pursuing, God is...

A. Hearing and Seeing

B. Saving and Delivering

**4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

**Psalm 34:4 (ESV)**

**6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.**

**Psalm 34:6 (ESV)**



**17** When the righteous cry for help,  
the LORD hears and delivers them out  
of all their troubles.

**Psalm 34:17 (ESV)**

**18 The LORD is near to the  
brokenhearted and saves the crushed  
in spirit.**

**Psalm 34:18 (ESV)**

A scenic landscape featuring a winding asphalt road on a hillside. The sun is setting or rising, creating a golden glow over the scene. Several birds are flying in the sky. The road curves to the right, and a guardrail is visible on the right side. The background shows a valley with some buildings and trees.

## II. In Our Pursuing, God is...

- A. Hearing and Seeing
- B. Saving and Delivering
- C. Providing and Caring

9 Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!

Psalm 34:9 (ESV)

**10 The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

**Psalm 34:10 (ESV)**



## II. In Our Pursuing, God is...

- A. Hearing and Seeing
- B. Saving and Delivering
- C. Providing and Caring
- D. Surrounding and Drawing Near

**7 The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and  
delivers them.**

**Psalm 34:7 (ESV)**



# Pursuing God

I Samuel 24:4-7; 26:7-25



A scenic landscape featuring a winding asphalt road that curves through a valley. On the left, a steep, grassy hillside rises, with a few small figures visible on its peak. The sky is a mix of deep blue and golden yellow, with wispy clouds and a bright sun low on the horizon. Several birds are seen in flight against the sunset. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

# Pursuing God

Desire

Decision

Time

Faith

# Questions

1. What commercial could you write to recommend God? What would you say about Him? (Ps 34:1-3) How would you “magnify” Him?
2. If you were David would you write a psalm praising God for deliverance, or one congratulating yourself for a clever ploy?
3. What promises do you see in this psalm? Which one has your name on it?
4. How could David “taste and see” that the Lord is good (Ps 34:8)?
5. How does the Christian life “taste” to you: Sweet? Sour? Spicy? Salty? Bitter? Bland? Why? Or have you only sampled God? Why is that?

## Questions (continued)

6. Peter uses this psalm to comfort those who suffer for doing good (Ps 34:8 see 1 Peter 2:3; Ps 34:12-16 see 1 Peter 3:10-12). How do you reconcile the “good things” the Lord promises with the acute suffering experienced by some Christians?
7. Why is it so easy to stop pursuing the Lord in suffering and so difficult to continue to pursue Him in suffering?
8. In what way is this psalm also your testimony (Ps 34:22 see Romans 8:1)?



## Questions (continued)

9. What does it mean to “seek peace and pursue it” (Ps 34:14)?
10. Would “casual” or “relentless” better describe your pursuit of peace this week? Why?
11. Pastor Randy had the practical outline for pursuing God as **DESIRE** **DECISION TIME** **FAITH**. If you began to implement this in your life, what would it look like for you? What would you have to give up? What would you have to begin to do differently?

