

## Psalm 34

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.  
3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!  
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.  
5 Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.  
6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.  
7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

9 Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!  
10 The young lions suffer want and hunger;  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.  
11 Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
12 What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?  
13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.  
14 Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.  
15 The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.  
16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,  
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.  
17 When the righteous cry for help,  
the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.  
18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.  
19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.  
20 He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.  
21 Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous  
will be condemned.  
22 The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**Pastor Matt's Sermon Notes**  
**Introduction**  
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*Psalm 34 Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.*

A. Background – A quick journey through First Samuel.

1 Samuel 7	1 Samuel 11	1 Samuel 15	1 Samuel 18
1 Samuel 8	1 Samuel 12	1 Samuel 16	1 Samuel 20
1 Samuel 9	1 Samuel 13	1 Samuel 17	1 Samuel 21
1 Samuel 10			

B. David flees to Gath and is captured.

1 Samuel 21:10 And David rose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish the king of Gath.

Psalm 56 To the choirmaster: according to The Dove on Far-off Terebinths. A Miktam of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.

1 Samuel 21:11 And the servants of Achish said to him, "Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances, 'Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands'?"

1 Samuel 21:12 And David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish the king of Gath. 13 So he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands and made marks on the doors of the gate and let his spittle run down his beard.

1 Samuel 21:14 Then Achish said to his servants, "Behold, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me? (Apparently they had captured him and they brought David to King Achish) 15 Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to behave as a madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?"

Let's tie this all together, where are you like David?