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7) Find reasons to \_\_\_\_\_ God - everyday  
8) Don't judge God's purpose until He's finished \_\_\_\_\_  
9) No matter how far we have strayed, God is not \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1) Being in God's will does *not* guarantee SAFETY, comfort, or provision - but God *does* guarantee His purpose, PRESENCE, and glory.

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- 2) FEAR tempts us to doubt God's plan, power, & purpose.  
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- 4) SIN always hurts more people and causes more damage than we realize.  
5) Just because an OPPORTUNITY presents itself doesn't necessarily mean it is God's will!

**Verses 10-15 Seeking Refuge in the World**

*Psalm 34:1, 4, 6, 8, 19    John 16:33    Psalm 34:18*

**Lessons from David's Heart (Psalm 34):**

- 6) Choose to PRAISE God - at all times.  
7) Find reasons to THANK God - everyday  
8) Don't judge God's purpose until He's finished REVEALING IT  
9) No matter how far we have strayed, God is not DONE WITH US

Being honest about our struggles is almost always harder than pretending or hiding. What are some of the hurdles that keep us from doing what these verses describe?

Can you give an example of a time when you were honest about a personal struggle, and as a result, you enjoyed the benefits these verses describe? If so, what is something you want to remember about this experience?

What are some specific ways we can be a support and encouragement to those who share their struggles with us?

### TAKING IT HOME

- 7) Is there something you need to be more honest about, instead of pretending like its OK?
  
- 8) What are some practical ways you can “taste and see that the LORD is good”?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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## Life Group Homework For the week of August 28, 2022

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) This week we read how David’s fear led him to compromise. When it comes to the areas that it can be tempting to compromise in (finances, relationships, etc.), which of the justifications below have you heard people use most often?
  - “That ship has sailed anyway”
  - “God will forgive me”
  - “It’s not going to hurt anybody”
  - “I can’t right now, but I’ll do it later”
  - “It’s not that big of a deal”
  - “God wants me to be happy”
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Can you think of a time you were tempted to compromise obedience in something because of one of the reasons listed above?

### REVIEW

- 3) In your own words, what happened in 1 Samuel 21?
  
- 4) What stood out to you from this week’s message?

## DIGGING DEEPER

- 5) David wrote Psalm 34 in the midst of 1 Samuel 21, which we briefly looked at on Sunday. But David also wrote Psalm 56 during the same situation. Read it below, making note of any questions or highlights.

**Psalm 56:1-13** - "[1] To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Silent Dove in Distant Lands." A Michtam of David when the Philistines captured him in Gath. Be merciful to me, O God, for man would swallow me up; Fighting all day he oppresses me. [2] My enemies would hound me all day, For there are many who fight against me, O Most High. [3] Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. [4] In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me? [5] All day they twist my words; All their thoughts are against me for evil. [6] They gather together, They hide, they mark my steps, When they lie in wait for my life. [7] Shall they escape by iniquity? In anger cast down the peoples, O God! [8] You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book? [9] When I cry out to You, Then my enemies will turn back; This I know, because God is for me. [10] In God (I will praise His word), In the LORD (I will praise His word), [11] In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? [12] Vows made to You are binding upon me, O God; I will render praises to You, [13] For You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling, That I may walk before God In the light of the living?"

In this Psalm, what are at least three truths that David reminds himself about?

What is most encouraging to you from David's psalm? What do you most want to imitate?

- 6) In 1 Samuel 21, David went to the tabernacle (or "mobile temple") and pretended like everything was OK, while lying about his reasons for being there. It is easy for us to pretend like we are OK, rather than open up to others about our struggles. As you read the verses below, what do you notice about the benefits of letting others into your life in a real and honest way instead of pretending?

(Note: We hope Life Group will be a place where you can build the kind of relationships where you feel you have people you can be honest with, but Life Group will never be a place where you are forced to confess or share.)

**1 John 1:9** - "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

**Proverbs 28:13** - "He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."

**Hebrews 3:13** - "but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

**Hebrews 10:24-25** - "[24] And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, [25] not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."