

Holiday Living
Thanksgiving Guide
What if I don't feel thankful?
Psalm 34:8-15

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*A psalm of David, regarding the time he pretended to be insane in front of Abimelech,
who sent him away. (Included in Hebrew)*

1. David ran from Saul.

2. David lied to the priest and stole some bread.

3. David tried to hide with the enemy.
(and pled temporary insanity)

4. David ended up in a cave and he was not alone.

*1 I will praise the Lord at all times.
I will constantly speak his praises.
2 I will boast only in the Lord;
let all who are helpless take heart.
3 Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness;
let us exalt his name together.
4 I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me.
He freed me from all my fears.*

*5 Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy;
no shadow of shame will darken their faces.*

*6 In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened;
he saved me from all my troubles.*

*7 For the angel of the Lord is a guard;
he surrounds and defends all who fear him.*

*8 Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!*

Psalm 34:1-8

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*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;*

**What do we do when
there are actual reasons not to be thankful?**

When things are not going well...

We can choose to curse the darkness.

or

We can determine to light a candle.

(and we always influence those closest to us)

I will praise.

Psalm 34:1

I will boast.

Psalm 34:2

We will exalt.
Psalm 34:3

I will go first (trust).

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!*
Psalm 34:8

try, experience, discover

*We continually ask God to fill you with the **knowledge** of his will through all the wisdom
and **understanding** that the Spirit gives 1 Peter 2:1-3. Colossians 1:9*

- Knowledge is delivered to you.
- Understanding is experienced by you.

David's advice to us....

****Don't wait and see**
Taste and see.

What are you waiting for?

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Fear the Lord

***Fear the Lord, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing. (vs. 9)***

*Come, my children, listen to me;
I will teach you the **fear of the Lord.** (vs. 11)*

Love Life and Live Long

—— *I will teach you the **fear of the Lord**. (vs. 11)*

*12 Whoever of you loves life
and desires to see many good days,*

*— keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from telling lies.*

*— 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;*

*4 I **prayed** to the Lord, and he **answered** me.
He **freed** me from all my **fears**.*

David knew about fear:

He faced a giant
He fled from a murderous king.

*I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears
Psalm 34:4*

All my fears: anything and everything (the whole bunch) that causes fear.

Delivered: Does not remove or stop the threat.

Does mean a supernatural peace and confidence in God in spite of fear.

*Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me. Psalm 23:4*

** God delivering us from all our fears is not merely about escaping danger but about experiencing a divine, mind blowing sense of calm.

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!*

Psalm 34:8

1. Step away from sin.

—There are some things you might need to stop.

2. Step a little closer to God.

— There are some things you probably need to start.

3. Expect and experience the supernatural.

— Salvation

— You go first