



Giving Thanks in the Bad Times – Part 1
Living Thankfully Series
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BIG IDEA/ WISDOM KEYS

1. God really has big solutions for our problems
2. God really cares about us.

" Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. And he said: " Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD." In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong"
Job 1:20-22 (NIV)

" From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. He said: With shouts of grateful praise, I will sacrifice to you"
Jonah 2: 1, 9a (NIV)

"The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. 23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer ... put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose."
Acts 16:22-26 (NIV)

"When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives"
Mark 14:26 (NIV)

CERTAINTIES TO ENCOURAGE PRAISE IN BAD TIMES –Psalm 34

1. GOD WILL ALWAYS HEAR ME IN BAD TIMES (vs. 4-7)

"I prayed to the Lord, and He answered me. He freed me from all my fears. Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces. In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened; He saved me from all my troubles. For the angel of the Lord is a guard; He surrounds and defends all who fear Him."
Psalm 34:4-7 (NLT)

2. GOD WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE FOR ME IN THE BAD TIMES (vs. 8-10)

"Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him! Fear the Lord, you His godly people, for those who fear Him will have all they need. Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing."
Psalm 34:8-10 (NLT)

"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide an escape, so that you can stand up under it."
1 Corinthians 10:18 (BRB)

3. GOD WILL DELIVER ME IN THE BAD TIMES (vs. 19-22)

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed. The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time. The Lord will redeem those who serve Him. No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned."
Psalm 34:18-19, 22 (NLT)

"God may kill me, but still I will trust him" Job 13:15 (CEV)

"Then keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies! Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it. The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right; His ears are open to their cries for help"
Psalm 34:13-15 (NLT)