

I Have DECIDED ~ Psalm 34

→ **Scripture Reading** Gal 6:9-10, 1 Thes. 5:16-18, 2 Cor. 5:15

INTRODUCTION

Romans 15:4 (NIV) For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through ENDURANCE and the ENCOURAGEMENT of the SCRIPTURES we might have HOPE.

Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV) Let us NOT become WEARY in doing GOOD, for at the proper time we will REAP a harvest IF we DO NOT GIVE UP. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us DO GOOD to ALL people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

- NEVER get tired of DOING GOOD
- you will REAP a HARVEST - IF you do NOT GIVE UP
- DO GOOD every chance you get

I WILL Praise God at ALL Times ~ Psalm 34:1-7

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. (NLT)

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. (NLT)

IMPLICATION

→ **God does NOT always Answer by FIXING the Problem**

⁴ I prayed to the LORD, and He answered me. He freed me from ALL my FEARS.

⁶ In my Desperation I prayed, and the LORD listened; He saved me from ALL my Troubles.

God's answer may be **WAIT**

God's answer may be **NO**

God's answer may be **YES**

→ **We MUST CRY out to Him because He HEARS and then TRUST His ANSWER**

⁶ In my **Desperation I prayed**, and the LORD LISTENED...

Prayer is to take your temptation your struggle and have a conversation with God about it. B. Thrasher

I WILL Rejoice no Matter WHAT ~ Habakkuk 3:2, 17-19

^{3:2} I have heard all about you, LORD. I am filled with AWE by your amazing works. In this time of our deep need, help us again as you did in years gone by. And in Your ANGER, remember Your MERCY. (NLT)

¹⁷ **EVEN THOUGH** the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, (NLT)

¹⁷ **EVEN THOUGH...** ¹⁸ **YET I WILL** rejoice in the LORD! **I WILL** be joyful IN the God of my salvation!

If EVERYTHING that was normal and predictable COLLAPSED, the prophet would STILL rejoice. MacArthur

¹⁹ The Sovereign LORD is MY strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights. (NLT)

God **permits** evil, He **punishes** evil with evil, He brings **good out of** evil, He **uses evil** to test and discipline those He loves, and one day He will **redeem His people** from the power and presence of evil altogether. HOTC

IMPLICATION

→ **I WILL PRAISE God even if Everything FALLS Apart**

¹⁹ The **Sovereign LORD** is **MY strength...** He makes me as **SUREFOOTED** as a deer...

I WILL Give THANKS in Everything ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶ Be **joyful** always; ¹⁷ **pray** continually; ¹⁸ **give thanks IN ALL** circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

¹⁸ **BE THANKFUL IN ALL** circumstances... (NLT)

2 Corinthians 12:10 (NLT) That's why I take PLEASURE in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I SUFFER for Christ. For when I am WEAK, THEN I am STRONG.

I WILL do ALL for God's Glory ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31

³¹ So whether you EAT or DRINK or WHATEVER you do, **DO IT ALL** for the glory of God.

TAKE AWAY ??

2 Corinthians 5:15 (NLT) He DIED for everyone SO THAT those who receive His new life will NO LONGER live for themselves. Instead, they will LIVE FOR Christ, who died and was raised for them.