

God not only hears, but loves to answer prayers that are “according to His will.” (1 John 5:14-15). We can pray confidently when we pray obediently to this truth. You have just spent time discovering God’s will for you. Now, ask God for what you need to fulfill His will in your life, your friends & family, neighbors, church & community. Don’t be afraid to ask forgiveness where you have blown it, strength where you are weak, courage where you are afraid.

Prayer Requests (Aim for minimum of 10 minutes)

Pray that God reveals to you who He truly is

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This area for service and outreach opportunities

JUST LEAD

Heroes... we all have them. Too often we idolize them or idealize them. In “Just Lead 2” we will continue our journey by exploring the life of one of the greatest heroes in the Bible. However, we will see how this hero’s successes, sins, and the consequences that follow point us to our only True Hero, Jesus Christ.

2 Samuel 22:1-20 (pg. 274)

1. God’s character makes Him worthy of my TRUST. (v. 1-3)
2. When I CALL upon the Lord, HE HEARS ME. (v. 4-7)
3. God is our DELIVERER. (v. 8-20)

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Small Group Discussion Guide

For the week of April 22nd

Connecting (Aim for 15 minutes)

- Breaking the ice/Think Time
- Share a time you prayed in a desperate situation and God faithfully rescued you.
- Quick Review... Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's sermon, what caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Understanding the Truth (Aim for 30-40 minutes)

This song that David wrote doesn't speak of just one event, but combines many of the experiences he had throughout his life and how God faithfully delivered him.

*** Read 2 Samuel 22:1-3

1. List all the words David uses to describe God in verses 2-3. How do they capture the different ways David thinks of God?
2. Have you experienced God according to one (or more) of the words David uses to describe Him? Which of these words best describes how you need to experience God right now?

*** Read 2 Samuel 22:4-7

3. How does David describe his circumstances in verses 5-6?
4. What is David's response to these circumstances (read vs 3, 7)?
5. What would you say typifies your first response to desperate circumstances?

*** Read 2 Samuel 22:8-20 (Read this section out loud as a group)

6. How does David's strong, descriptive language portray God in His rescuing of David? What does this teach you about God?

7. What reason does David give for God rescuing him in verse 20? Do you ever ponder the fact that God thinks of you this way?

*** Read 2 Samuel 22:21-25

8. What reason does David give throughout this section for God's rewarding him?
9. We have examined much of David's life in this series. Has David been "blameless"? Has he "not turned aside" from God's laws?
10. Why can David speak of himself this way when he has obviously made some very sinful choices? (Read Psalm 32:1-5 also written by David to help answer this).

Seeing Our Savior

Read Leviticus 4:22-26; 2 Cor. 5:21

David can speak of God rewarding him and rescuing him because he is "blameless" and "righteous". However, we know that David's life was anything but blameless and righteous. David knew his righteousness was found in God. He knew that every time he performed a sacrifice commanded by the Law that an innocent animal was being sacrificed for his sin. He also knew that God promised to one day bring a true King and Savior from David's own family line. That King and Savior, Jesus Christ, would purchase our righteousness with His life and pay for our sin with His death. David's faith in God's provision of a sacrifice allowed him to confidently trust in God's righteousness credited to his life through the forgiveness God offers.

Living the Truth (Aim for 20 minutes)

1. What circumstance/situation are you facing in life right now that's calling you to see God in light of the mighty Deliverer that He is? Would you say you are responding by "calling" on Him, or trying to overcome in your own strength?
2. Is your faith and trust in Jesus Christ granting you a humble confidence that God delights to rescue you because of the righteousness He has given you? Is there anything you need to confess & turn from to abide in God's granted righteousness and restore your confidence in Him?