

"Christ in the Crazyiness"

Psalm 34 / Mark 5:1-20 / 1 Samuel 21:10-22:2 Pastor Paul 5/3/2020

Introduction: Words that describe the corona virus season of life we are in . . . Crazy, scary, weird, awkward, limiting, restrictive, death, dark, apocalyptic, etc.

How has God and His people handled such seasons and situations in the past and what can we learn from it to help us gain a clearer perspective about how to move forward now?

1. How God dealt with an empty, void, and dark world at the time of creation
2. How Jesus left heaven to come to earth and was not received cf John 1:12
3. How Jesus initiated and outreach to overcame a dark situation in Mark 5:1-20 . . .
4. How David escaped from a trying time in 1 Samuel 21:10-22:2 @21:13-15 which led to David writing Psalm 34 . . .

David's writing of Psalm 34 gives a clear picture of God amidst the background of cloudy behavior that David displayed earlier in a difficult circumstance . . .

Illustration about Mike and Carissa's breakfast conversations . . .
The size syndrome . . .

Psalms are God's way of helping us deal with every kind and expression of our emotions . . .

How is God so good? (1-10)

He is praise worthy

He is present worthy

He is prayer worthy

He is protective worthy

He is provision worthy

Baskin Robins and DQ testing spoon illustration . . .

Why must God be so respected? (11-22)

We must own our own crazyiness and confess it instead of accepting it as part of "normal" living . . .

Because satisfying life only comes from Him (11-12)

Because clean living only comes from Him (13-18)

Clean lips

Clean hands

Clean hearts

Because eternal life only comes from Him (19-22)

Application: Let's not get caught up in the craziness and behave less than respectable. Let's get a clear view of God and respond accordingly. We can confess what we have done. We can learn a new way to operate.

What are you doing with your mouthful of praise?

What are doing with your eyeful of the Lord?

What are you doing with your mindful of children?

What are you doing with your campful of angels?

What are you doing with your heartful of humility?

What are you doing with your peaceful of hope?

What are you doing with your soulful of redemption?