Psalm 34:1-8

O Magnify the LORD with Me

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"O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together." Psalm 34:3

01 A Personal _____

vv. 1-2

Before David asked anyone else to magnify the LORD, he made up his own mind to do it.

A A Constant _____

Praise is a decision before it is a feeling. On a hard day, it is a sacrifice.

> *"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."* Hebrews 13:15

B A Confident _____

"Boast" is *halal*, the root of hallelujah. When all else was stripped away, the LORD remained.

> *"But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."* 2 Corinthians 10:17

C A Contagious _____

"The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad." Praise is heard. Someone is always listening.

> *"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them."* Acts 16:25

02 A Public _____

v. 3

David did not want to praise alone. He looked at four hundred hurting men and invited them in.

A The Meaning of Magnifying

We cannot make God any bigger than He is. We can make Him bigger in our _____.

> *"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable."* Psalm 145:3

B The Manner of Magnifying

With our song, our life, and our witness. Monday either magnifies Christ or shrinks Him.

> *"Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death."* Philippians 1:20

C The Multitude Magnifying

Worship is personal, but it is not private only. Church is about exalting His name, not ours.

> *"He must increase, but I must decrease."* John 3:30

03 A Powerful _____

vv. 4-8

David did not ask people to praise a God he had only read about. He gave his testimony.

A He Heard My _____

David sought. God answered. God does not require polished prayers. He hears a cry.

> *"This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles."* **Psalm 34:6**

B He Handled My _____

Fears are the trouble inside. Troubles are on the outside. God deals with both.

> *"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."* **2 Timothy 1:7**

C He Has Proven His _____

Taste is personal. Nobody can taste for you.

> *"O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."* **Psalm 34:8**

THE MAN FROM GATH

No place is too far for the gospel.

Years after fleeing Gath in fear, David fled from Absalom. Six hundred men from Gath stood with him. Their leader, Ittai, told the king, *"whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be."* **2 Samuel 15:21**

600 went with David into Gath
1 Samuel 27:2

→ **600** came out of Gath to David
2 Samuel 15:18

Somebody has to go to Gath.

"A great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb." **Revelation 7:9**

REFLECT

1. What have you been magnifying this week: your problem, or your God?
2. What do we lose when we try to worship only on our own?
3. Who is your Gath? Who has never heard the gospel?

RESPOND

- [ ] Choose praise before you feel like it.
- [ ] Write down three things God has done for you.
- [ ] Pray by name for a missionary this week.

Answers: Resolve, Praise, Boast, Gladness · Request, sight · Reason, Cry, Fears, Goodness