

# CLOSER THAN EVER

WEEK 2  
PSALM 34:4-8, 15, 17, 19  
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You must seek God.

The intensity of the search depends on the **value** of the object misplaced.

*Jeremiah 29:13*

*Matthew 6:33*

What are you seeking?

1. You experience deliverance.

Fear

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my **fears**. *Psalm 34:4*

The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. *Psalm 34:15*

Shame

*“Shame is the intensely painful feeling or experience of believing that we are flawed and therefore, unworthy of love and belonging.”*

Brené Brown

Those who look to him are **radiant**, and their faces shall never be **ashamed**. *Psalm 34:5*

Trouble

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

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their **troubles**. *Psalm 34:17*

Danger

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and **delivers** them. *Psalm 34:7*

*2 Kings 19:35*

2. You experience satisfaction.

Oh, **taste** and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! *Psalm 34:8*

*“Faith is the souls taste; they who test the Lord by their confidence always find him good, and they become themselves blessed.”*

Charles Spurgeon

Will you seek Him?

Participating in the 21-Day Fast?  
Download the Emmanuel Church App in the App Store or on Google Play for follow-up videos and encouraging messages from Danny throughout the week.

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For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

## Introduction

Isn't it easy to let your relationship with God get stagnant? We could all be closer to God, and that is what He desires for us. Unfortunately, our actions often show that we are not convinced that God is essential to our lives. If we could see His true value, there is no doubt we would seek Him with all of our being.

## Discussion Questions

1. How is your fasting going? What spiritual practice did you choose to replace what you gave up?

Do you feel closer to God as a result of your efforts this past week? Why or why not?

2. We all seek what is valuable to us. The intensity of the search depends on the value we give to the object we seek. When you look at the way you spend your days, which area of your life are you most intense about – which area gets the most focus from you? How does that speak to what you are seeking most?

3. David sought after God for deliverance from fear, shame, trouble, and danger. David knew that God alone could satisfy all his needs. Read Psalm 34:4-8. From what sort of fear, shame, trouble, and/or danger do you need to seek God's deliverance, right now?

4. Read Psalm 34:8. David encourages us to “taste and see that the Lord is good.” How do you “taste” God? How does fasting help us with this idea?

What specific steps will you take this coming week to seek God?

## OUTREACH: GROUPS IN ACTION

1. Write a note of encouragement to another small group member and mail it. There is something intentional and meaningful about getting a card in the mail.

2. What are you passionate about? Fill out a connection card and commit to serving at your campus at least once a month.

## Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm accountable for \_\_\_\_\_, and their action steps are \_\_\_\_\_.

My memory verse is \_\_\_\_\_.

This coming week, I'm praying for: \_\_\_\_\_.