# ***Series: topical*** May 3, 2020

**EXPIENCING THE GOODNESS OF GOD IN THE MIDST OF LOSS AND DIFFICULTY**

(Psalm 34)

Central Idea: *In the midst of loss and difficulty we can experience God’s love and goodness in dramatic ways by continuing to praise and trust him and by living obedient lives.*

I. God’s goodness experienced in praising and trusting him (Psalm 34:1-10)

 A. Praise God at all times (34:1-3)

 B. Trust god at all times (34:4-7)

 C. Experience God’s goodness as a result (34:8-10)

II. God’s goodness experienced in living an obedient life (Psalm 34:11-22)

 A. The Fear of the Lord explained (34:11-14)

 B. God’s response to an obedient life (34:15-22)

**Questions for Group or Personal Study**

1. Make a list of how you have experienced loss recently and how you felt as a result. Talk to God honestly about these feelings and share this list and how you felt with someone else.
2. Make a list of what you have been grateful for recently and how these things have made you feel. Tell God how thankful you are and share this list and how you’ve felt with someone else.
3. How has your faith and trust in God’s goodness been challenged as a result of loss and difficulty in your life.
4. How are you tempted to not live in obedience to God’s ways when you experience loss and difficulty?
5. When and how have you tasted and seen and experienced the goodness of God in your life?
6. How does the good news of the gospel encourage you when you experience loss and difficulty?

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