

## Stories 3.0: Immeasurably More

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Psalm 34

📖 Ephesians 1:18–20a (NIV) “I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints,<sup>19</sup> and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength,<sup>20</sup> which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead...”

📖 Ephesians 3:20–21 (NIV) “Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us,<sup>21</sup> to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

### When things seem **impossible**, **praise God**.

📖 Psalm 34:1–3 (NIV) “I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.<sup>2</sup> My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.<sup>3</sup> Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together.”

📖 Psalm 31:19 (NLT) “Your goodness is so great! You have stored up great blessings for those who honor you. You have done so much for those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world.”

### When things get **scary**, **seek God**.

📖 Psalm 34:4 (NIV) “I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.”

📖 1 Samuel 21:10–15 (NIV) “That day David fled from Saul and went to Achish king of Gath.<sup>11</sup> But the servants of Achish said to him, “Isn’t this David, the king of the land? Isn’t he the one they sing about in their dances: ‘Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands?’”<sup>12</sup> David took these words to heart and was very much afraid of Achish king of Gath.<sup>13</sup> So he pretended to be insane in their presence; and while he was in their hands he acted like a madman, making marks on the doors of the gate and letting saliva run down his beard.<sup>14</sup> Achish said to his servants, “Look at the man! He is insane! Why bring him to me?<sup>15</sup> Am I so short of madmen that you have to bring this fellow here to carry on like this in front of me? Must this man come into my house?”

📖 Psalm 34:5–8 (NIV) “Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.<sup>6</sup> This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; He saved him out of all his troubles.<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them.<sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.”

### When things get **erratic**, **fear God**.

📖 Psalm 34:9–10 (NIV) “Fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing.<sup>10</sup> The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.”

📖 Psalm 34:11–16 (NIV) “Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.<sup>12</sup> Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,<sup>13</sup> keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.<sup>14</sup> Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their cry;<sup>16</sup> the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.”

📖 Psalm 34:17–22 (NIV) “The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles.<sup>18</sup> The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.<sup>19</sup> A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all;<sup>20</sup> He protects all His bones, not one of them will be broken.<sup>21</sup> Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.<sup>22</sup> The Lord redeems His servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in Him.”

**Digging Deeper:** Have you seen God do the impossible? Can you describe a time when you worshipped God despite your pain? Why do you think worship changes our outlook? Describe the scariest moment of your life—in what way was God involved in your deliverance? What does it mean to fear God?

