

Title: **Tasting God's Goodness from the Cave**
Text: **Psalms 34**
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Big Idea

The Good Life is a life lived in God's presence, where he draws near to us and delivers us through our troubles. Lean in and taste.

Q: The Good Life - How to get it?

1. David's Testimony - What God has done

David was afraid and cried out; God heard and rescued. God's goodness is His presence with us in the problems, not their removal.

2. David's Teaching - How we should respond

#1 Reorder our fears

We are afraid of many things. Let's reset our many fears under a much bigger Fear/Reverence of God, who is just and sees all. Reordered fear is knowing where to look and who to fear.

#2 Refuge in Him

Once we recognize God's grandeur, the only logical response is to surrender and take shelter.

- The refuge is full of broken people
- The refuge does not remove afflictions

3. Ultimate Deliverance

The promise was fulfilled in full at the cross. Jesus' deliverance came through death. The secret to a good life is a person, following Jesus.



Reflection Questions

- What fears are you carrying right now? What would it look like to set them under the fear of the Lord?
- Where have you expected God's goodness to mean the absence of trouble? How might you taste his goodness in the middle of it instead?
- Where have you seen God carry you through something rather than around it?

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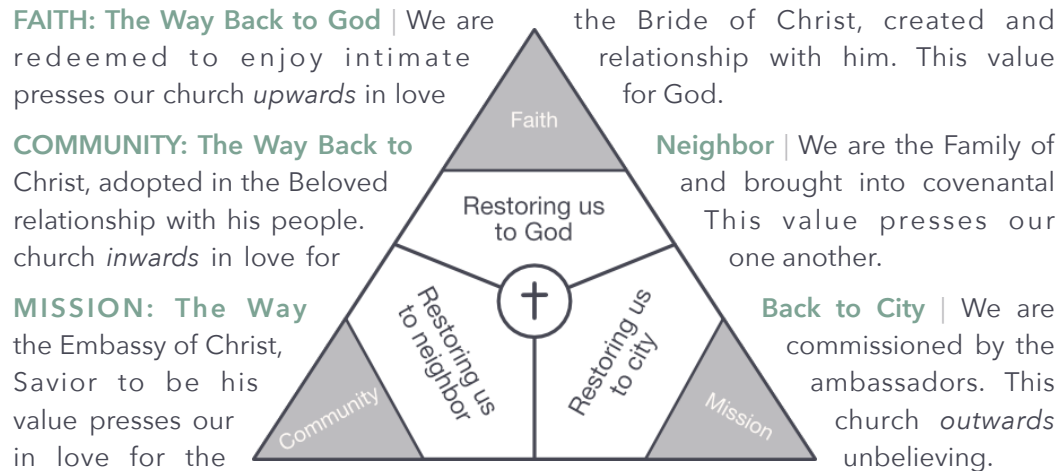


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When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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We are so glad you've joined us today!

Announcement Spotlight

Pumpkin Carving Party

Mark your calendars for Mercy Hill's 5th annual Pumpkin Carving Party! This year's party will take place on Saturday, October 31st from 2:00-4:00pm at Allen at Steinbeck Elementary School. This event is for folks in our church, but it is also (and especially!) for our friends, family, and those in our local community. Feel free to spread the news and invite anyone you think would be blessed.

TO ATTEND: If you're planning to attend (and/or you've invited a friend), please scan the QR code and find the link to RSVP by Wednesday (10/28) to guarantee a FREE pumpkin for your child(ren), ages 2-18.

TO VOLUNTEER: If you're already a part of Mercy Hill Church, we need YOUR help to make this happen! To volunteer, please scan the QR code and find the link to sign up.

For any questions, please reach out to Joey at joey@mercyhillchurch.org.

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