



SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM

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Seeking God's Kingdom — Part 35

I Am Weak

2 SAMUEL 3:28–4:12

 NOTES

1 Psalm 34 — *The posture of a surrendered heart*



- The righteous may have many troubles
- The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
- The LORD ultimately delivers

2 2 Samuel 3:28–39 — *"I am weak"*



- David mourns Abner
- David admits his weakness
- Joab is too strong for him
- David cannot control the situation

3 2 Samuel 4:1–12 — *"The LORD... has delivered me"*



- Ish-Bosheth is murdered
- David judges the killers
- David confesses the LORD as his deliverer

2 Samuel 3:39 –
"I am weak."

2 Samuel 4:9 –
*"The LORD... has
delivered me out of
every trouble."*



MAIN TAKEAWAY

A surrendered heart admits, "I am weak,"
lets go of control, and trusts the LORD to deliver.



REFLECTION QUESTION

Is my trust in the LORD based on what I can control?



PRAYER / RESPONSE

*Our confidence is not in our ability to hold everything together.
Our confidence is in Jesus.*



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Psalms 34 gives language to David's posture:
trouble is real, the LORD is near, and the LORD delivers.



PSALM 34
THE SONG OF TRUST

KEY TRUTH

*The LORD hears, is near,
and delivers His people.*



1. PSALM 34 — THE POSTURE OF A SURRENDERED HEART

- The righteous may have many troubles.
- The LORD is close to the brokenhearted.
- Trouble does not get the final word.
- The LORD ultimately delivers His people.



PSALM
34:18–19
*The LORD is
close to the
brokenhearted
and saves those
who are crushed
in spirit.*



4. THE STRIKING CONTRAST

2 SAMUEL 3:39

"I am weak."

David faces Joab's power
and admits his limitation.

WEAKNESS
→
DELIVERANCE

A surrendered heart tells the truth about weakness
and trusts the LORD with what it cannot control.



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2. 2 SAMUEL 3:28–39 — "I AM WEAK"

- David mourns Abner and declares his innocence.
- Joab and Abishai are too strong for him.
- David cannot control the situation or its political cost.
- Weakness itself is not the sin; it is honest reality.
- Hebron, a city of refuge, makes Joab's act even more grievous.



5. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS

- David did not murder his way onto Israel's throne.
- The first "King David" scene is a scene of mourning, not triumph.
- Abner did not die like a criminal; he fell before the wicked.
- Morally, the murders of Abner and Ish-Bosheth are very similar.
- Politically, the cost of judging Joab was far greater.



HEBREW NOTE — נָבִיז (nabîz)

Not mere stupidity, but foolish, wicked living before God.



3. 2 SAMUEL 4:1–12 — "THE LORD... HAS DELIVERED ME"

- Ish-Bosheth is murdered during peacetime.
- David judges the killers and calls the victim innocent.
- David confesses: "The LORD... has delivered me out of every trouble."
- The kingdom is not secured by David's violence, but by the LORD's hand.



6. JESUS IS KING — NOT ME

- Trusting the LORD is not only for moments of crisis.
- Trust means living daily in the reality that Jesus is King.
- Our confidence is not in our ability to hold everything together.
- Our confidence is in Jesus, the One who holds all things together.



HE IS BEFORE
ALL THINGS,
IN HIM ALL
THINGS HOLD
TOGETHER.

HEB. 1:3 • COL. 1:16–17 • REV. 19:16

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But the LORD is
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