

#### **Psalm 34**

<sup>8</sup> Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

<sup>9</sup> Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,

for those who fear him have no lack!

<sup>10</sup> The young lions suffer want and hunger;

but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

#### **John 4**

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink...” <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

#### **John 7**

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink, <sup>38</sup> whoever believes in me. As the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup> Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

#### **Deuteronomy 30**

<sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

#### **John 19**

<sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

# PSALMS

*THE ANATOMY OF THE SOUL*



## PSALM 63

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New City is spending time this summer exploring the Psalms – the songbook given by God to his people for worship, community, and a hopeful realism. This was modeled well in the life of Jesus. Though separated by language, culture, and generations, the Psalms are still the inspired and reliable guide to our own hearts and a constant help in honestly navigating the chaos of our world with God-honoring, Christ-centered, hope-filled resiliency.

Theologian John Calvin called the Psalms an “anatomy of the soul.” By this he meant that, in the Psalms, we find a study of the innerworkings of the emotional life of each person. Join us as we let the Bible expose, encourage, shape, and renew us through this songbook of ancient and eternal wisdom.

## Psalm 62

*A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.*

<sup>1</sup> O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly;

My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You,  
In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup> Thus I have seen You in the sanctuary,  
To see Your power and Your glory.

**<sup>3</sup> Because Your lovingkindness\* is better than life,  
My lips will praise You.**

<sup>4</sup> So I will bless You as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands in Your name.

<sup>5</sup> My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness,  
And my mouth offers praises with joyful lips.

<sup>6</sup> When I remember You on my bed,  
I meditate on You in the night watches,

<sup>7</sup> For You have been my help,  
And in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy.

<sup>8</sup> My soul clings to You;  
Your right hand upholds me.

<sup>9</sup> But those who seek my life to destroy it,  
Will go into the depths of the earth.

<sup>10</sup> They will be delivered over to the power of the sword;  
They will be a prey for foxes.

<sup>11</sup> But the king will rejoice in God;  
Everyone who swears by Him will glory,  
For the mouths of those who speak lies will be stopped.

*\* Lovingkindness: (Heb: 'chesed'), covenant love. The self-giving love of God tied to his covenant name (Yahweh) and covenant promises for his covenant people.*

## Something Better Than Life

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### How shall we respond to a love that is better than life?

#### 1. Seeking Earnestly <sup>(1-5)</sup>

- A. For satisfaction <sup>(1, 5)</sup>
- B. Individually <sup>(1)</sup>
- C. In community <sup>(2, 4)</sup>

#### 2. Holding Fast <sup>(6-8)</sup>

- A. Meditation on God's help in the past <sup>(6)</sup>
- B. Meditation on God's heart in the future <sup>(7)</sup>
- C. Meditation on God's hand in the present <sup>(8)</sup>

#### 3. Hoping Defiantly <sup>(9-11)</sup>

- A. Justice will prevail / has prevailed <sup>(9-10)</sup>
- B. The King will reign / does reign <sup>(11)</sup>
- C. The people will glory / do glory <sup>(11)</sup>