

Offering/Dismissal

An Abundant Refuge

Always be **joyful**. Never stop praying. Be **thankful in all circumstances**, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)

Psalms 34:1-10, a song written and sung by David, when he pretended to be insane in front of Abimelech/ACISH, after God had saved him from the Philistines

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him! Fear the Lord, you His godly people, for those who fear Him will have all they need. Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing. **Ps. 34:8-10 (NLT)**

HOW TO BE CRAZILY GRATEFUL IN A WORLD GONE CRAZY

1. Practice sitting at the table He has set for me. (The table of refuge)

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Even though I walk through the darkest valley (the valley of the shadow of death), I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Psalms 23:4-5 (NIV)

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; He is my God, and I trust Him.

Psalm 91:1-2 (NLT)

2. Remember that when I <u>fear</u> God, He will handle it and provide what I need.

Fear the Lord, you His godly people, for those who fear Him will have all they need. Psalm 34:9 (NLT)

So David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. Soon his brothers and all his other relatives joined him there. Then others began coming... until David was the captain of about 400 men.

1 Samuel 22:1-2 (NLT)

3. I can always trust <u>His ways</u> and that He will never leave me <u>in</u> want or need.

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What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since He did not spare even His own Son but gave Him up for us all, won't He also give us everything else? Romans 8:31-32 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own: This week, Pastor Jay taught us how our Lord and Savior has prepared a table of refuge for each one of us. When was the last time you sat with Him at that table? Pastor Jay also taught us that our enemies are not allowed at that table because it is specifically set aside for our Lord and us. How does that make you feel? As we begin the week of Thanksgiving, take time out to be alone with just you and our Savior. Intentionally sit down at your dining table and invite God to be with you, talk to Him about all the good that He has done and is doing, and remember the promises you know He will keep in the future. Write out a letter of gratitude to Him. Post this letter on your refrigerator so that you can view it throughout the week. We invite you to send the letter to jay@centerpointchurch.com and share it with your social media community. Happy Thanksgiving!