

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:17-18 (NIV)

Near To Me

You have been brokenhearted. You have gone through spirit crushing experiences. You have experienced pain and suffering and loss. Isn't this true? Without a doubt, all of this is true. This is a sin broken world. No one is immune to the difficulties of this life. You experienced pain and suffering and loss. So, will I. **That is true. But I want to ask you a few questions.** Go ahead, you have my full attention. **What have you done when you have been in trouble? What have you done when you have gone through heartbreaking, spirit crushing experiences?** I have drawn near to you. I have cried out to you. I have asked for your help. **Yes, you have done all these things. How have I responded to you?** You have drawn near to me. You have been close to me. You have never left or forsaken me. You have heard and answered my prayers. You have helped and healed me. You have brought me through every adversity. You have delivered me from out of all my troubles. **Have you always known that I was with you? Have you always been certain that I was helping and healing you? Have you always felt my closeness? Have you always been sure that I was hearing and answering your prayers? Have you always been confident that I was bringing you through every adversity?** No, not always. Many times, I have had to have faith that you would be doing all these things for me. Frequently, I have had to keep praying and keep asking and keep believing that you were near to me and that you would help me. Often, my pain or suffering or loss was so all consuming that it was hard for me to perceive that you were near to help and heal me. **That is true. How do you now know that I have always been with you to help you? How do you now know that I have never stopped hearing and answering your prayers? How do you now know that I have been delivering you out of all your troubles?** Only by looking back. When I look back, I can see that you were near to me. When I look back, I can see that you were hearing and answering my prayers. When I look back, I can see that you were delivering me out of all my troubles. **Then it is a very good thing to look back to consider how I have been helping and healing you as you have gone through heartbreaking, spirit crushing experiences so you can see my hand act work in your life.** Yes, it is a very good thing to be able to recognize and give thanks for your help and healing in my life. You have drawn near to me as I have drawn near to you. For that I am thankful beyond what my words can express. **Keep on crying out to me. Keep on asking for my help.** That is what I will do. **That will be very good.**

Lord, you have been close to me when I have gone through heartbreaking, spirit crushing experiences. You have healed and helped me when I have cried out to you. You have heard and answered all my prayers. This is something I will never forget. Thank you! Amen

Promises *Close To The Brokenhearted*

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NIV Psalm 34:17-18

Promises *Near To The Brokenhearted*

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

ESV Psalm 34:17-18

Promises *Close To The Brokenhearted*

The LORD hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

NLT Psalm 34:17-18

Promises *Near To Those Who Have A Broken Heart*

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD *is* near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

NKJV Psalm 34:17-18

Promises *Near To The Brokenhearted*

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

NRSV Psalm 34:17-18

Promises *You Find God Right There*

Is anyone crying for help? GOD is listening, ready to rescue you. If your heart is broken, you'll find GOD right there; if you're kicked in the gut, he'll help you catch your breath.

MSG Psalm 34:17-18

Promises *Close To Those Who Are Of A Broken Heart*

When the *righteous* cry for help, the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their distress *and* troubles. The Lord is close to those who are of a broken heart and saves such as are crushed with sorrow for sin *and* are humbly *and* thoroughly penitent.

AMP Psalm 34:17-18

Promises *Close To Those Whose Hearts Are Breaking*

Yes, the Lord hears the good man when he calls to him for help and saves him out of all his troubles. The Lord is close to those whose hearts are breaking; he rescues those who are humbly sorry for their sins.

TLB Psalm 34:17-18

Promises *Near To The Brokenhearted*

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NASB Psalm 34:17-18

Promises *Close To The Brokenhearted*

The LORD hears good people when they cry out to him, and he saves them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, and he saves those whose spirits have been crushed.

NCV Psalm 34:17-18

Close To The Brokenhearted

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – Psalm 34:17-18

In Context: Read Psalm 34

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you gone through a heartbreaking experience that crushed your spirit?

How have you cried out to the Lord during a heartbreaking, spirit crushing experience?

How has the Lord helped and healed you from a heartbreaking, spirit crushing experience?

When have you felt the closeness of the Lord as you have gone through a spirit crushing experience?

How can you fondly look back to times of closeness with the Lord as you went through spirit crushing experiences?

How will the closeness and help from the Lord in the past encourage you as you go through difficulties in the future?

What value do you place on intimacy with the Lord that has developed as you have gone through great difficulty?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Allow the Lord to help and heal you when you go through heartbreaking, spirit crushing experiences.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will help and heal you when you go through heartbreaking, spirit crushing experiences.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord helped and healed you when your heart was broken.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you experience the Lord's closeness, help and healing as you go through spirit crushing experiences.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, thank you for your closeness, help and healing as I go through heartbreaking, spirit crushing experiences.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will you help and heal me when I go through heartbreaking, spirit crushing experiences?
