

"Lies, Grief, and Fear: Governing in a Sinful World"
2 Samuel 1:1-16

"Sinning or accepting sin for our advantage should be a fearful proposition." (2 Corinthians 7:1)

"Sin always has consequences for the individual, the community, and God's creation as a whole. If this is true, the importance of putting sin to death is even more paramount than we initially imagine."

"It is a grave misunderstanding of God's grace when we feel like we should turn a blind eye to all wrongdoing as long as we safely can." (J.I. Packer)

- A Dark Day in Israel: (1 Samuel 4:10-12)
 - *"In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other..." (Ecclesiastes 7:14)*
- The Foolishness of Lies: (2 Samuel 1:-10)
 - *"A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who breathes out lies will perish" (Proverbs 19:9). "There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to Him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers" (Proverbs 6:16-19).*
- The Beauty of Grief — Honor and Love: (2 Samuel 1:11-12)
 - *"Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles, lest the LORD see it and be displeased, and turn away His anger from him" (Proverbs 24:17-18). "Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by Him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people" (1 Peter 2:13-15).*
- The Grace of Fearing God: (2 Samuel 1:13-16)
 - *"How is it you were not afraid to put out your hand to destroy the LORD's anointed?" (2 Samuel 1:14; cf. 1 Samuel 24:6; 1 Samuel 26:9-11).*
 - *"The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate" (Proverbs 8:13). "Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil" (Proverbs 3:7). "Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1; cf. Philippians 2:12-13).*

Announcements:

★**BAPTISM SERVICE:** Our next Baptism Service is a week from Sunday, June 11th. If you are interested in being baptized or have any questions about baptism, please see Pastor Jeremey or one of the other Elders.

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner THIS Sunday, June 4th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner.

EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us.

★**COMMUNION:** We will be partaking of and celebrating Communion together as a church body THIS Sunday, June 4th.