

"How the Mighty Have Fallen"
2 Samuel 1:17-27

"It is not by telling people about ourselves that we demonstrate our Christianity. Words are cheap. It is by costly, self-denying Christian practice that we show the reality of our faith. (Jonathan Edwards)

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity" (Proverbs 17:17). "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24).

"There is nothing more delightful than a true friend, that has our spiritual best interest in mind, returns and receives our affections, and is faithful towards us in every season of life." (Matthew Henry)

- Introduction: (2 Samuel 1:17-18)
 - The focal point of this poem is the phrase: *"How the mighty have fallen!"* This is where David centers in on what he wants his audience to emotionally experience.
 - David desired that this lament (a prayer/poem/song expressing sorrow, pain, or confusion) would be taught to the people of Judah and be passed down from generation to generation.
 - The Book of Jashar (Joshua 10:12-13) was a book of poems and songs that talked about the history of Israel. The name of this poem was most likely "The Bow".
- When our sin brings shame to a nation and to God: (2 Samuel 1:19-21)
 - David did not want the Israelites to add to the shame of Israel by telling the Philistines about the death of Saul and Jonathan (1 Samuel 31:8-12; 1 Chronicles 10:8-14).
 - David viewed this as so sad that he expected the land to join in the mourning. The shame that this event brought to Israel was expressed by there being no occasion for rejoicing. Prosperity of the land was a time of rejoicing and blessing (Deuteronomy 8:7-10).
- Remembered for what God did, not what we did (2 Samuel 1:22-25)
 - David viewed Saul and Jonathan as mighty warriors that God had used to bring prosperity and protection to Israel (1 Samuel 10:1; 11:11-15; 14:6-15,47-48). Despite the 8-10 years that Saul sought to take David's life, this is how he desired for Saul to be remembered.
 - *What brings God more glory; to remember the sin or to remember God's grace when it comes to His people?*
 - David also brought attention to the loyalty they had to one another despite their disagreements, they died together fighting the enemies of God. David again did not bring attention to their sin, but God's grace.
- Mourning a true friend: (2 Samuel 1:26-27)
 - David's hope was that Jonathan would stand by his side when he was king of Israel (1 Samuel 23:15-18).
 - Jonathan's love for David necessitated a great humility and loss to his own personal desires (1 Samuel 18:1-4). This is the highest expression of love: a lowering of self for the exaltation of another, for the glory of God (Philippians 2:3-4). Jonathan and David both expressed a Christ-like humility.

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of June we are collecting monetary donations for the Lambs, one of the missionary families that we support as a church body. The Lamb Family has been serving in Papua New Guinea with Wycliffe Bible Translators since 2019. They are working with translation teams to develop culturally appropriate media in the everyday language of the people. There are approximately 840 languages in Papua New Guinea, and only 13 of those languages have complete Bibles. For more information about the Lambs, their life, and work in Papua New Guinea please see the board on the back table. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that your donation is for the Lambs.

★**“FOURTH OF JULY” SERVICE:** We will be having our annual “4th of July” service on Sunday, July 2nd, at Andy Wesley’s house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron) at 5pm! Please mark your calendars and plan on attending our annual outdoor Worship Service and Fellowship Dinner!