



KING of HEARTS
THE BOOK OF 2 SAMUEL

When life is falling apart
around us what is the posture
we take?



The Posture of David in Adversity





David Flees

A messenger came and told David, “The hearts of the people of Israel are with Absalom.”

Then David said to all his officials who were with him in Jerusalem, “Come! We must flee, or none of us will escape from Absalom. We must leave immediately, or he will move quickly to overtake us and bring ruin on us and put the city to the sword.”

The king’s officials answered him, “Your servants are ready to do whatever our lord the king chooses.” – 2 Samuel 15:13-15

The Posture of David in Adversity – Turning



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1. David's Action

- turning from selfish sorrow to selfless sorrow





The king set out, with his entire household following him; but he left ten concubines to take care of the palace. So the king set out, with all the people following him, and they halted at the edge of the city. All his men marched past him, along with all the Kerethites and Pelethites; and all the six hundred Gittites who had accompanied him from Gath marched before the king.



The king said to Ittai the Gittite, “Why should you come along with us? Go back and stay with King Absalom. You are a foreigner, an exile from your homeland. You came only yesterday. And today shall I make you wander about with us, when I do not know where I am going? Go back, and take your people with you. May the LORD show you kindness and faithfulness.”

-2 Samuel 15:16-20

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God's Response

-faithfulness





But Ittai replied to the king, “As surely as the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, wherever my lord the king may be, whether it means life or death, there will your servant be.”

David said to Ittai, “Go ahead, march on.” So Ittai the Gittite marched on with all his men and the families that were with him.

-2 Samuel 15:21

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Our Need to Turn

- we must choose to be selfless even in our times of sorrow.



The Posture of David in Adversity – Turning

“Self pity will not work the righteousness of God. Because David was willing to be selfless instead of self absorbed God is going to honor what he was doing.” – Gary Inrig



The Posture of David in Adversity – Taking a Knee

David's Action

- bowing before the King and being willing to receive from God whatever he chooses to give





Zadok was there, too, and all the Levites who were with him were carrying the ark of the covenant of God. They set down the ark of God, and Abiathar offered sacrifices until all the people had finished leaving the city.

Then the king said to Zadok, “Take the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the LORD’s eyes, he will bring me back and let me see it and his dwelling place again. But if he says, ‘I am not pleased with you,’ then I am ready; let him do to me whatever seems good to him.”

-2 Samuel 15:24-26

The Posture of David in Adversity – Taking a Knee

David's Action

- bowing before the King and being willing to receive from God whatever he chooses to give

God's Response

- illumination and indignation (righteous anger) in David's life





Do not gloat over me, my enemy!
Though I have fallen, I will rise.
Though I sit in darkness,
the LORD will be my light.
Because I have sinned against him,
I will bear the LORD's wrath,
until he pleads my case
and upholds my cause.
He will bring me out into the light;
I will see his righteousness.
- Micah 7:8-9



“God’s righteousness is not only a way that finds a way of forgiving my sins, it’s also a righteousness that at the same time is still utterly opposed to my sin itself. And if I am to behold his righteousness and to stand in his light and to rejoice in it, then I need to take into my own heart the hostility against sin that God exercised when he found a way of forgiving it.

That’s the only forgiveness that is available from God. We need to receive the hostility and indignation if we are to properly receive the forgiveness of God.” – Jim Spence

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Our Need to take a knee

- we must be willing to receive the fullness of forgiveness, this includes the consequences of our sin



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Our Response

- Confess our sin and trust that God will deliver us.





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