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Message Series: DAVID: The Giant Slayer

Today's Message: Facing Hard Times

2 Samuel 1:1-4

2 Samuel 1:11, 12

2 Samuel 1:17

1. **Facing Grief**

◆ David faces now another giant—Grief: The Choice: to flee or face this giant

Psalm 6:6

Psalm 31:10

◆ “Her absence is like the sky, spread over everything.” ~C.S. Lewis after wife’s death

Grief Stirs Up: Anxiety: “Am I next?” Guilt: “Why didn’t I...”

Longing: Loneliness/Insomnia, Thoughts of suicide

◆ Grief takes time

Ecclesiastes 7:3 *“Sorrow is better than laughter, for sadness has a refining influence on us.”*

2. **Facing Conflict and Opposition**

Acts 6:15

Acts 7:51, 52

Acts 7:54-60

Three Truths:

1) Stephen’s life ended like it had been lived: In Complete Trust in God to take care of him.

2) “The fires... in the olden days never made martyrs; they revealed them” ~Morgan

3) How powerfully God can use those who face conflict in the power of the Holy Spirit.

3. **Finishing Strong**

◆ **The Tragic End of King Saul**

1 Samuel 9:2 *“an impressive young man without equal”*

2 Samuel 11:6 *“the Spirit of God came upon him in power”*

Isaiah 46:4

Three Steps to Take:

1) Prepare for Battle

1 Corinthians 9:25 *“Everyone who competes in the games goes into Strict training”*

2) Keep Fighting to the End

Hebrews 12:1 *“... run with endurance the race that is set before us...”*

Ecclesiastes 3:11 *“He has also set eternity in the hearts of men”*

3) Others Are Watching Who Need Christ

2 Timothy 4:1-8

2 Timothy 4:16-18