

From Great Failure To Great Faith

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2 Samuel 15:13-37, Psalm 3

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for **POWER** or **POSITION**.

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and **SUBMITTING** to God.

Submitting to God doesn't mean checking
your **BRAIN** and **TALENTS** at the door.

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Luke 19:28-44, Luke 22:39-71, Mark 1:14-15

- Another **REJECTED RIGHTFUL** King
- More tears on the **MOUNT OF OLIVES**
- A **THRONE** that cannot be **TAKEN**

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Food for Thought for the week of August 21, 2022

1. Earlier in 2 Samuel, the prophet Nathan informed David that calamity would come upon his household because of his sin with Bathsheba. This weekend, we saw this reality unfold through Absalom's conspiracy to usurp David as king of Israel. David writes several psalms that serve as a soundtrack of his heart and mind while on the run from Absalom. Read one of these soundtracks in Psalm 3.

Psalm 3 New International Version (NIV)

¹ LORD, how many are my foes!

How many rise up against me!

² Many are saying of me,
"God will not deliver him."

³ But you, LORD, are a shield around me,
my glory, the One who lifts my head high.

⁴ I call out to the LORD,
and he answers me from his holy mountain.

⁵ I lie down and sleep;

I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

⁶ I will not fear though tens of thousands
assail me on every side.

⁷ Arise, LORD!

Deliver me, my God!

Strike all my enemies on the jaw;
break the teeth of the wicked.

⁸ From the LORD comes deliverance.

May your blessing be on your people.

Are there any challenges or "foes" you're facing in your life right now?

Like David, what encouragement can you find in Psalm 3:3-5 in the midst of those challenges?

2. In 2 Samuel 15, we see a battle shaking out between Absalom (false king) and David (true king) for the kingship of Israel. As earthly kings rise and fall, it's important to remember Jesus is the only sovereign King (Psalm 103:19; Daniel 4:3). In his message this weekend, Chris talked about this new kingdom that is both here for us now and for all of eternity. Read Luke 17:20-21 and Colossians 1:27. How do these verses encourage you today no matter what happens around you?

Luke 17:20-21 New International Version (NIV)

²⁰ Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed," ²¹ nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst."

Colossians 1:27 New International Version (NIV)

²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Read Revelation 21:1-5. How does this description of the future kingdom give you hope or strengthen your walk with Jesus today?

Revelation 21:1-5 New International Version (NIV)

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

What can you thank God for in light of this weekend's message or what you studied?