

## AFTER GILBOA...



Saul is dead.



Jonathan is dead.



Israel is defeated.



David's town is destroyed.



The question hanging over everything is: "What now?"

# WHAT NOW?

SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM • PART 30 • 2 SAMUEL 1

"My times are in Your hands."

→→→ PSALM 31:15 ←←←

## THE JOURNEY OF THE HEART



Loss



Grief



"What if?"



God's Providence



"My times are in Your hands."



### 1

#### JABESH HONORS SAUL

1 SAMUEL 31:11-13



Honoring God by remembering faithfulness

- Jabesh courageously recovered Saul and his sins
- They remembered Saul's faithfulness (1 Samuel 11)
- They chose to remember what mattered most

### 2

#### SAUL'S FINAL POSTURE

2 SAMUEL 1:6-10



Fear quietly shapes the posture of our hearts

- Saul is picture leaning on his spear
- His spear became a recurring symbol throughout 1 Samuel
- Saul's final posture reveals what he trusted

### 3

#### LEARNING TO GRIEVE

2 SAMUEL 1:11-27

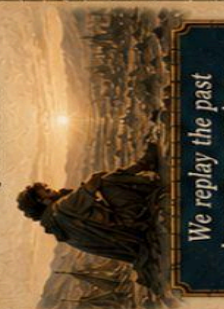


Trusting the LORD doesn't mean skipping over grief

- David honored and grieved for Saul, Jonathan and Israel
- David's lament reveals his heart
- Grief has many layers

### 4

#### THE "WHAT IF?" QUESTIONS



We replay the past because we can't see the whole picture

- Grief naturally asks 'what if' questions
- God already sees what we cannot

### 5

#### TRUSTING GOD'S PROVIDENCE

PSALM 31:14-15



God's providence is already preparing the way forward

- David couldn't see what was ahead
- Even while David grieved, God continued accomplishing His purposes
- Nothing hinders the LORD's purposes (1 Samuel 14:6)

### 6

#### WAITING ON THE LORD

PSALM 27:13-14



"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD."

## MAIN TAKEAWAY

# OUR TIMES ARE IN THE LORD'S HANDS.

Even when we can't see what lies ahead, trust that God's providence is already preparing the way forward.



## Seeking God's Kingdom | Going Deeper

### Part 30: "What Now?" | 6.28.26

#### Main Scripture: 2 Samuel 1

##### → Jabesh Gilead Honors Saul — 1 Samuel 31:11–13

- The men of Jabesh Gilead courageously recovered Saul and his sons from Beth Shan
- Beth Shan stood on a major trade route, making the Philistines' display of Saul's body a public warning to Israel
- Jabesh chose to remember one moment of Saul's faithfulness (1 Samuel 11)

##### → Saul's Final Posture: Leaning on the Spear — 2 Samuel 1:6–10

- The Amalekite claimed he found Saul leaning on his spear
- Whether every detail is accurate or not, the narrator intentionally includes this image
- Throughout 1 Samuel, Saul's spear became a symbol of the security he trusted
- Saul's final posture reveals what he trusted most
- Fear can quietly shape the posture of our hearts

##### → Learning to Grieve — 2 Samuel 1:11–27

- David mourned Saul, Jonathan, Israel's army, and the nation
- David's lament honors Saul, grieves Israel's loss, and reveals David's heart
- (v21) Saul is remembered as the LORD's anointed king
- David repeatedly calls Saul and Jonathan "the mighty," honoring their courage
- Trusting the LORD doesn't mean skipping over the many layers of grief

##### → Trusting God's Providence

- We often ask, "What if...?" because we can't see the whole picture
- David couldn't see what lay ahead, but God's providence was already preparing the way
- **God's providence means He's at work even when we can't see what lies ahead**
- Even while David grieved, God's purposes continued moving forward
- Even in seasons of uncertainty and grief, God never stops working

##### → "My Times Are in Your Hands" — Psalm 31:9, 14–15

- David brings his distress to the LORD rather than trying to explain everything
- (v15) "*My times are in Your hands*" is what trusting God's providence looks like
- We may not understand yesterday or know what tomorrow holds
- God welcomes our "*What now?*" and "*What if?*" questions as we bring them to Him
- We can wait for Him with confidence (Psalm 27:13–14); Nothing hinders the LORD's purposes

→ **Main Takeaway — Even when we can't see what lies ahead, our times are in the LORD's hands. Trust that His providence is already preparing the way forward.**