# SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM

PART 47

# When Our Strength Fails

## 2 SAMUEL 14 & PSALM 38

### 1 2 Samuel 14:1–20 — *What's he up to?*

*Joab put the words in her mouth.*



- We don't know what David's really feeling.
- And we can't be sure about Joab's motivation.
- Her story parallels what David's going through…
- David hears the woman's story and grants protection for her son.

### 2 2 Samuel 14:21–33 — *Go, bring back the young man Absalom.*

*David doesn't want to see him.*



- David orders Absalom to go to his own house.
- Absalom stays in Jerusalem for another two years.
- Absalom's servants set the field on fire.
- We don't even know if David's kiss was a sign of genuine forgiveness.

### 3 Psalm 38:1–4, 8–10, 14–15 — *You will answer*

*All he can do is groan and sigh…*



- I am feeble and utterly crushed.
- My sighing is not hidden from you.
- My heart pounds, my strength fails me.
- When there's absolutely nowhere else to turn for help, that's when we feel the LORD's strength the most.

| BURDEN | WEAKNESS | WAITING |
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| The burden that's been placed on us is too heavy to carry. | We don't have the energy, or the capacity, to do anything… | He still trusts that the LORD will answer. |

**Psalm 38:4, 15**

**Psalm 38:4** — *My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.*
**Psalm 38:15** — *LORD, I wait for you; you will answer, Lord my God.*
**Matthew 6:34** — *Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

**MAIN TAKEAWAY**

When life's burdens become too heavy to bear, we don't have to move forward on our own strength. We can turn to the LORD and trust in His faithfulness.

**REFLECTION QUESTION**

*When life hits us hard… Where's our confidence?*

**NOTES**