SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM

PART 48

When Everything Changes

2 SAMUEL 15 & PSALM 3

1 2 Samuel 14:25; 15:1–6 — *Absalom builds his reputation.*

Appearance doesn't tell us what's in the heart.



- Absalom was "highly praised for his handsome appearance."
- People look at the outward appearance; the LORD looks at the heart.
- Absalom provided himself with a chariot, horses, and fifty men.
- He stood by the city gate and intercepted those bringing lawsuits to David.
- He promised justice and "stole the hearts of the people of Israel."

2 2 Samuel 15:10–15, 21, 30 — *Israel backs Absalom; David flees.*

The hearts of the people are with Absalom.



- Absalom sent secret messengers: "Absalom is king in Hebron."
- "The hearts of the people of Israel are with Absalom."
- David fled Jerusalem with his household.
- Ittai recognized David as the true king and stayed with him.
- David crossed the Kidron, climbed the Mount of Olives, and wept.

3 Psalm 3:1–6 — The LORD is David's honor.

His worth is grounded in who the LORD is.



- Many were saying, "God will not deliver him."
- "You, LORD, are a shield around me, my glory [kavod]."
- Kavod carries the idea of weight, importance, honor, or glory.
- David's worth isn't determined by what others think.
- "I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me."
- "Faith over fear" means we trust the LORD is near even in our fear.

REPUTATION	HONOR	CONFIDENCE
What people think about you can impact your success.	"The LORD is my honor [kavod]."	David can express confidence in the LORD before everything works out.



1 Samuel 16:7 — *People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.*
Psalm 3:3 — *You, LORD, are my glory.*
Psalm 3:5 — *I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.*



MAIN TAKEAWAY

Our worth and security aren't determined by what others think or by our circumstances. They're grounded in who Jesus is.

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