

DAVID – SHAPING A SHEPHERD PART 9
“RESTORING HOPE”
2 SAMUEL 15
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INTRODUCTION

- When dreams die...Where is God?
- This is a picture of God working deep inside situations where we can rarely see Him.
- David had fallen and Nathan had told him he would be disciplined.
- II Samuel 12:9-12 - David's Judgment
- Hebrews 12:6, "For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines..."

I. A CONSPIRACY TO DESTROY

- II Samuel 15:4-6, "...In this manner Absalom dealt with all Israel who came to the king for judgment; so Absalom stole away the hearts of the men of Israel."
- There was a spirit in Absalom that gets into a lot of people.
- To take what is not theirs and justify it.
- You always reap what you sow.
- All David dreamed had died.
- Where is God? Sometimes working very deeply in the murky darkness.

II. RUN OFF WITH GOD

- This wasn't the first time David had run for his life from Jerusalem.
- Only now he knows not to turn on God.
- Vss. 23-30 - Great sorrow here.
- Vss. 30 - David on Mount of Olives barefoot.
- This was David's finest moment and his time of healing. He totally cast himself on God.

- Psalm 3:3, "Thou oh Lord are a shield about me, my glory and the lifter of my head..."
- In that moment David realized he couldn't manipulate the situation anymore.
- Vss. 25-26 - "If I find favor...if not let Him do to me whatever seems good..."
- That positioned David to ultimately get back his destiny.
- God can do what we cannot.
- God has promised to never leave or forsake me.
- Don't assume on God and how He will work.
- David finally surrendered his control to God.
- He stopped forcing his will on the situation.
- 1 Chronicles 29:10-16, "...Everything comes from you...I know, my God that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity..."
- Vs. 12 – "It lies in your hand to make great."
- Changes us from who we are to who we are destined to become, children of the King.
- David - Riches and honor only come from you, his whole identity comes from his Father.

CLOSE

- To resist the will of God is foolish.
- He is crazy about you, even though it sometimes doesn't make any sense.
- Romans 8:38-39, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life...nor things present, nor things to come...will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- Psalm 3:4-6 "...I was crying to the LORD with my voice, And He answered me from His holy mountain...for the LORD sustains me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me..."