

How the  
**MIGHTY**  
have  
**FALLEN**  
[2 Samuel 1]

1. The world and the Christ-follower will view the **SAME** scenario from very **DIFFERENT** perspectives. (*2 Kings 6:17; Isaiah 8:11-12, 55:8; 2 Corinthians 4:18; 1 John 4:4; Romans 12:2; John 3:31; Colossians 3:2*)
2. **MOURNING** is acceptable and honorable. (*Ecclesiastes 3:4; Psalm 34:18, 147:3; Matthew 5:4; John 11:25-26; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; John 11:35*)
3. God alone is God, and **I AM NOT**. (*Psalm 46:10, 86:10; Deuteronomy 32:35; Romans 12:17-19; Isaiah 44:8, 45:5; Exodus 20:3; Judges 7:2*)
4. **BELIEVE** the **BEST** in others even when there might be a lot of bad. (*1 Corinthians 13:4-7; Luke 6:31; Philippians 2:3-4; Proverbs 19:11; Titus 3:3*)
5. We should never **REJOICE** when someone **FALLS**, nor should we give anyone else a reason to do so. (*Philippians 4:8; Job 31:29-30; Exodus 23:4-5; Matthew 5:43-47*)
6. Promote **UNITY** though the words we speak and the choices we make. (*Ephesians 4:29; Titus 3:2; Romans 12:16, 14:19; Philippians 2:2, 4:5; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Colossians 3:14*)
7. **LOVE** covers a multitude of **SINS**. (*1 Peter 4:8; Luke 23:34; John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 13:13*)



## Taking it further to help you **THRIVE...**

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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
  
2. In what ways is the story the Amalekite told David in 2 Samuel 1 different from what we read of Saul's death in 1 Samuel 31:4-6? What are some possible reasons for these differences? How might we 'reconcile' these differences?
  
3. What might the Amalekite have hoped David's response would be to the news of Saul's and Jonathan's death? What might the Amalekite have hoped to gain? In what ways can the desire for self-gain affect what we think, say, and do?
  
4. Regarding David's lament:
  - a. What did David not talk about in his lament? What can we learn from this intentional omission?
  
  - b. David uses these words: beauty/glory (v.19); mighty (vv.19, 21, 22, 25, 27); beloved and pleasant/lovely (v.23). What do you find striking about David's choice of words?
  
  - c. How do David's words here line up with his earlier attitudes and actions toward Saul?
  
  - d. How does Matthew 5:43-47, 1 Corinthians 13:7, and Philippians 4:8 fit into all this?
  
5. In what way(s) do we catch a glimpse of Jesus in this chapter?