

It Wasn't Supposed to End Like This!

1 Samuel 31

I. Why did Jonathan have to die?

[1 Samuel 31:1-2](#) “1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. 2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, Saul's sons.”

While God always has an answer, He will not always give it to us.
In these moments we must learn to trust the sovereign hand of God.

II. Why did those men go get Saul?

[1 Samuel 31:11-13](#) “11 And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul; 12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there. 13 And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.”

How do we respect those God commands us to respect when they do not live respectably?

If you can not respect them fully; can you at least respect their:

1. God Given Dignity-
2. God Given Duty-
3. Good Deeds-
4. Gradual Development-
5. God's Demand

III. Why is there no resolution?

The failures in this story are to show us how Jesus is the only true

1. Judge
2. Priest
3. Prophet
4. King

