



DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING

finding clarity in the chaos



NOTES

for today's message

- When chaos comes our way, it pushes us a particular question: What really matters to us?
- When we encounter worry and anxiety, “have faith” is the answer we don’t like—We don’t like the idea that we don’t have control of our life.
- Seeking God doesn’t satisfy if we fail to surrender to God’s sovereignty

How David dealt with Chaos and Faith:

PSALM 56 Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me;² my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly.³ When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.⁴ In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?⁵ All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil. ⁶ They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life. ⁷ For their crime will they escape? In wrath cast down the peoples, O God! ⁸ You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book? ⁹ Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me. ¹⁰ In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise, ¹¹ in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me? ¹² I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you.³ For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

1 SAMUEL 21:10-15 And David rose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish the king of Gath. ¹¹ And the servants of Achish said to him, “Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances, ‘Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands’?” ¹² And David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish the king of Gath. ¹³ So he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands

and made marks on the doors of the gate and let his spittle run down his beard. 14 Then Achish said to his servants, "Behold, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me? 15 Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to behave as a madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?"

IDENTIFY WITH DAVID

1. Have you ever felt overwhelmed?
 2. Have you ever been opposed?
 3. Have you ever felt alone?
 4. Have you ever been afraid?
- Key word in Psalm 56 is "afraid"

PSALM 56:3-4 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

- What is it about the character of God that counteracts our fear?

1. God is sovereign

Elohim- Hebrew for Might, powerful, the kind of God that speaks the universe into existence.

2. God is Merciful

3. God judges sin

ROMANS 8:5-7 All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil. 6 They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life. 7 For their crime will they escape? In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!

4. God knows our suffering

ROMANS 8:8 You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?

5. God delivers from darkness

ROMANS 8:13 For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

- A call to trust God is a call to trust Jesus

ROMANS 8:9 this I know that God is FOR me