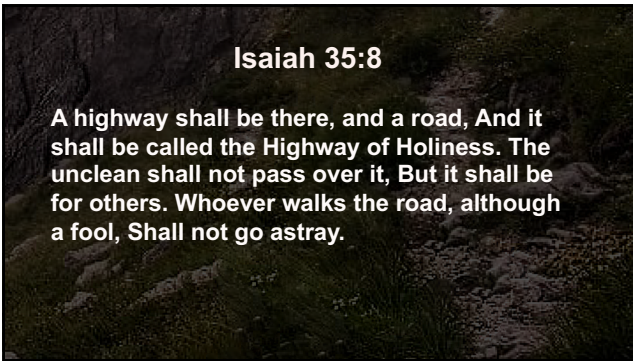
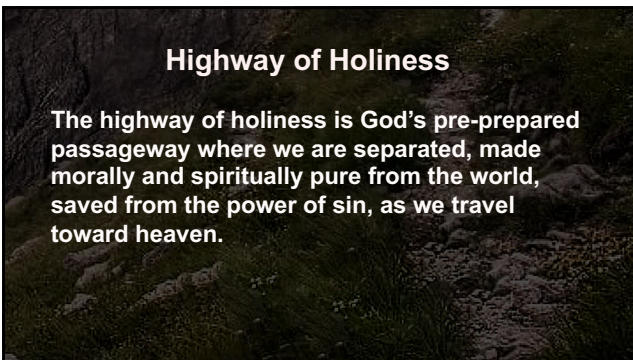




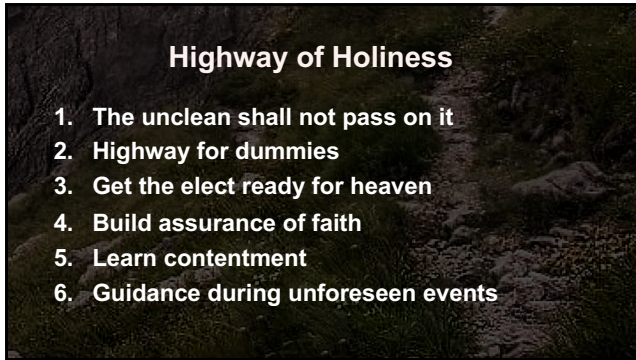
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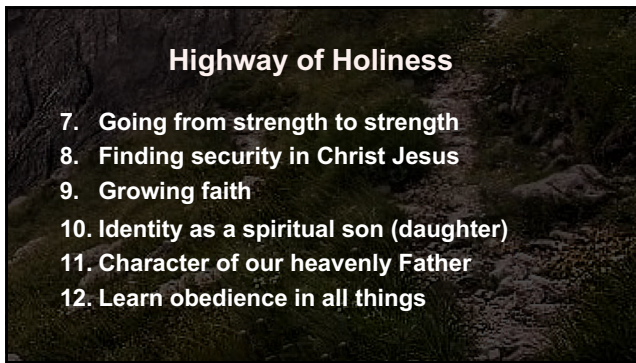
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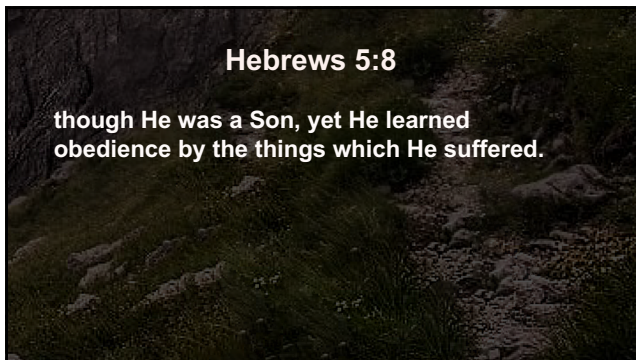
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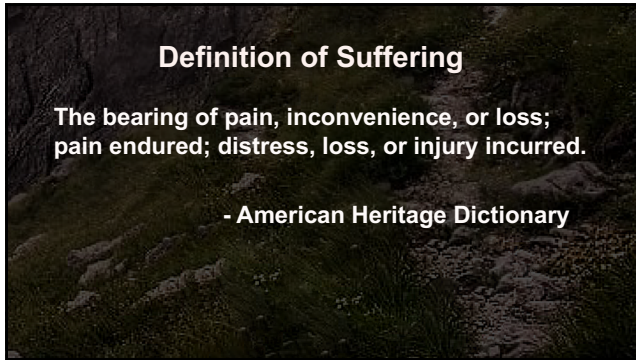
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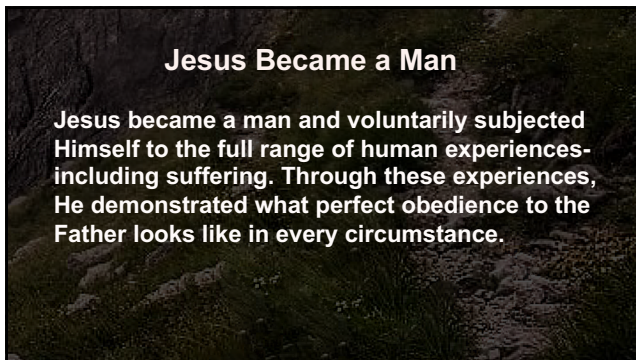
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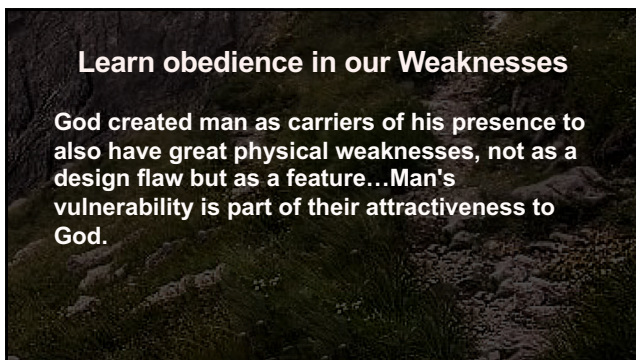
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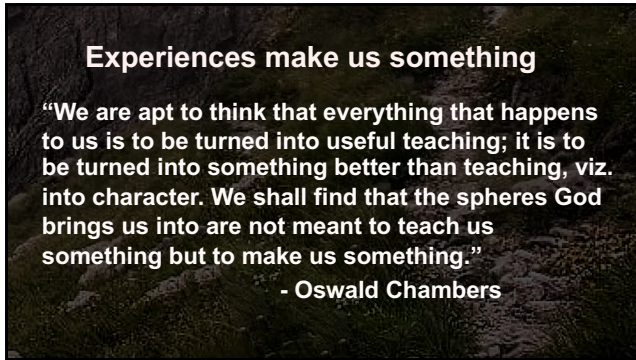
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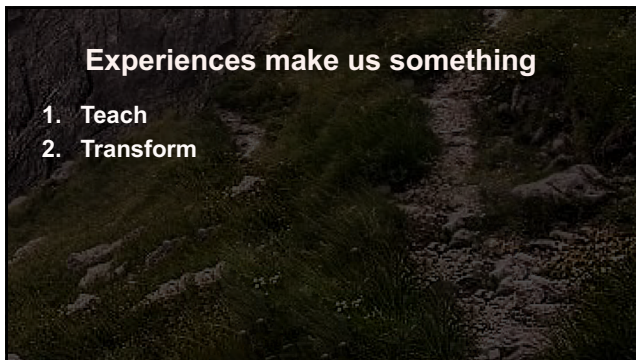
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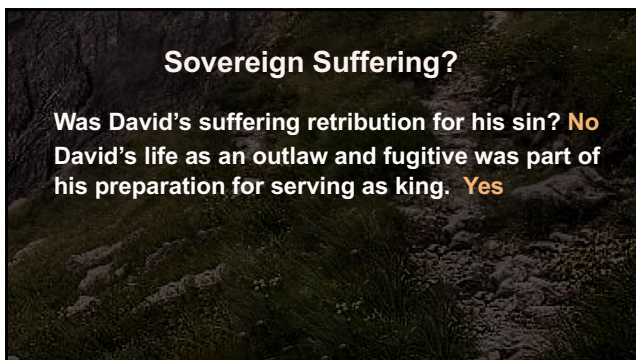
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Levels of Truth

- 1. God created these circumstances to put Saul at David's mercy
- 2. It's a test of submission that David should not kill Saul.

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Sources of Suffering

- 1. Loss of his job in the military
- 2. Loss of David's social status
- 3. Labeled an outlaw
- 4. Loss of his wife Michal
- 5. No contact: father, brothers and sisters
- 6. Hardships of being a fugitive

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Hebrews 4:15-16

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

16

1 Samuel 26:1-12

1 Now the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "Is David not hiding in the hill of Hachilah, opposite Jeshimon?" **2** Then Saul arose and went down to the Wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the Wilderness of Ziph.

17

1 Samuel 26:1-12

3 And Saul encamped in the hill of Hachilah, which is opposite Jeshimon, by the road. But David stayed in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. **4** David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul had indeed come.

18

1 Samuel 26:1-12

5 So David arose and came to the place where Saul had encamped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army. Now Saul lay within the camp, with the people encamped all around him.

19

1 Samuel 26:1-12

6 Then David answered, and said to Ahimelech the Hittite and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother of Joab, saying, "Who will go down with me to Saul in the camp?" And Abishai said, "I will go down with you."

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1 Samuel 26:1-12

7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night; and there Saul lay sleeping within the camp, with his spear stuck in the ground by his head. And Abner and the people lay all around him. 8 Then Abishai said to David, "God has delivered your enemy into your hand this day. Now therefore, please, let me strike him at once with the spear, right to the earth; and I will not have to strike him a second time!"

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1 Samuel 26:1-12

9 But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him; for who can stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless?" 10 David said furthermore, "As the Lord lives, the Lord shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish."

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1 Samuel 26:1-12

11 The Lord forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the Lord's anointed. But please, take now the spear and the jug of water that are by his head, and let us go."

23

1 Samuel 26:1-12

12 So David took the spear and the jug of water by Saul's head, and they got away; and no man saw or knew it or awoke. For they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

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Submission

submission involves willingly placing oneself under the authority or leadership of another in accordance with scriptural teaching. It is an active choice, grounded in love and respect, rather than a passive or coerced act.

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Obedience vs Submission

Obedience involves following commands, often not gladly, while submission is a voluntary act of yielding to authority or the will of another, typically rooted in love and respect.

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Meekness

Meekness toward others means we are gentle and don't seek to retaliate when we are wronged.

Meekness toward God means we accept His dealings with us as good and seek to be yoked together with him. Submission.

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It's complicated: David's reactions to Saul

1. Public support for Saul
2. Refusal to attack/kill God's anointed
3. Refusal to allow Saul to kill him
4. David's understanding of Saul's evil
5. David's emotional response to betrayal

28

David was well within his rights to kill Saul

No one would blame David if he killed Saul as an enemy combatant. David had the law on his side, cultural norms on his side, and moral reasons on his side to kill Saul.

Why did David not kill Saul?

29

David reason was theological

David's foremost reason is theological: Saul is "the LORD's anointed" (māshīah YHWH). The title does not imply Saul's moral perfection but his divinely installed office. To attack Saul would constitute rebellion against Yahweh, who alone has authority to remove or discipline His regent (1 Chronicles 16:22; Psalm 105:15).

30

David Learning Obedience and Submission

- 1. Submit to God's timing to be King
- 2. Submit to God's means to be King

The ends do not justify the means in the Kingdom
The means are more important than the ends

31

Categories of Psalms	
Laments (67)	A song to deal with crisis, hurt, grief, or despair; to move a worshipper from hurt to joy, from darkness to light, from desperation to hope.
Thanksgiving (52)	A song to praise God for something He has done for the Psalmist, to offer thanksgiving in the form of worship.
Hymns for Liturgy (46)	A song used in special festivals or services of worship in the life of Ancient Israel

32

Psalm 59

To the Chief Musician. Set to "Do Not Destroy."
A Michtam of David when Saul sent men, and they watched the house in order to kill him.

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Psalm 54

For the choirmaster. With stringed instruments.
A Maskila of David. When the Ziphites went to Saul and said, "Is David not hiding among us?"

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Psalm 54

1 Save me, O God, by Your name, and vindicate me by Your might! 2 Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth. 3 For strangers rise up against me, and ruthless men seek my life—men with no regard for God. Selah

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Psalm 54

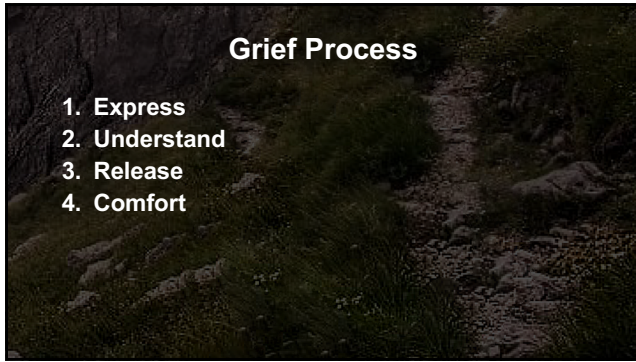
4 Surely God is my helper; the Lord is the sustainer of my soul. 5 He will reward my enemies with evil. In Your faithfulness, destroy them. 6 Freely I will sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O LORD, for it is good. 7 For He has delivered me from every trouble, and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.

36

Psalm 4

4 Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the Lord.

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Grief Process

1. Express
2. Understand
3. Release
4. Comfort

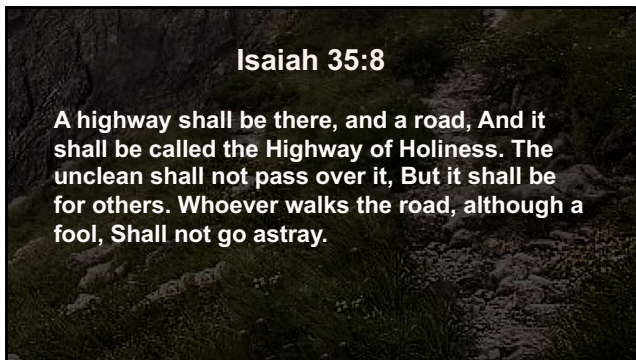
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Emotions

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| Vindication | Isaiah 54:17-21 |
| Vengeance | Deuteronomy 32:35, Romans 12:17-19 |
| Fear | Psalm 118:6 |
| Restitution/
Restoration | Psalm 51:12 |

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Isaiah 35:8

A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray.

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