

For the week of April 17, 2016
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Embracing Sorrow

32nd week in the series "A Life of Passion: The Story of David."

2 Samuel 15: 1–16:14

David heard what no king wants to hear: that another leader has stolen the hearts of the people. What's worse, that leader was his own son, Absalom. For David, it was a crisis. What do we do in a crisis?

Discussion Questions:

1. Remember and describe a crisis in your life. How did you see, or not see, the Lord in the crisis?
2. What was the outcome of the crisis?
3. Remember and describe a time that you took action. What was the outcome?
4. Note that David expresses his sorrow publicly and that the people mirror him and embrace him in his sorrow. How do you think we could benefit from embracing and expressing sorrow?
5. Note that Jesus, like David, left Jerusalem in the wake of betrayal but that Jesus, unlike David, stopped in Gethsemane and waited for the mob that was coming to get him (Matthew 26:36-56). What do you make of the similarities and differences?