

**Series:** David, Jesus & Me

**Message:** The Death Of A Loved One, Part 1

**Scripture:** 2 Samuel 12:15-25

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“Each of us is either under the judgment of sin which God has never forgiven or we are suffering from the chastisement of our Heavenly Father because of sin which He has forgiven. The man whom God forgives, sometimes has to drink very deeply of the well which his sin has tapped.”

### **Psalms 99:8**

*<sup>8</sup> O LORD our God, You answered them; You were a forgiving God to them, And yet an avenger of their evil deeds.*

### **2 Samuel 12:15-23**

*<sup>15</sup> So Nathan went to his house. Then the LORD struck the child that Uriah's widow bore to David, so that he was very sick.*

*<sup>16</sup> David therefore inquired of God for the child; and David fasted and went and lay all night on the ground.*

*<sup>17</sup> The elders of his household stood beside him in order to raise him up from the ground, but he was unwilling and would not eat food with them.*

*<sup>18</sup> Then it happened on the seventh day that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Behold, while the child was still alive, we spoke to him and he did not listen to our voice. How then can we tell him that the child is dead, since he might do himself harm!"*

*<sup>19</sup> But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; so David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is dead."*

*<sup>20</sup> So David arose from the ground, washed, anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he came into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he came to his own house, and when he requested, they set food before him and he ate.*

*<sup>21</sup> Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept; but when the child died, you arose and ate food."*

*<sup>22</sup> He said, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who knows, the LORD may be gracious to me, that the child may live.'*

*<sup>23</sup> "But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."*

**1. Be sure you know God's design for your loved one's death.**

**Children's Catechism Question 1**

Q. Who made you?

A. God

**Children's Catechism Question 2**

Q. What else did God make?

A. God made all things

**Children's Catechism Question 3**

Q. Why did God make you and all things?

A. For His own glory

**Shorter Catechism Question 7**

Q. What are the decrees of God?

A. The decrees of God are His eternal purpose, according to the counsel of His will, whereby for His own glory, He hath fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass.

**Shorter Catechism Question 8**

Q. How does God execute His decrees?

A. God executes His decrees in the works of creation and providence.

**Shorter Catechism Question 11**

Q. What are God's works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are, His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all His creatures, and all their actions.

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,*

<sup>4</sup> *who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*

**Next week:**

2. Be free to grieve to the extent necessary to recover.

3. Be determined to fix your hope on the realities of eternity.