

**Series:** David, Jesus & Me

**Message:** The Death Of A Loved One, Part 2

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

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**Last week:**

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

**2 Samuel 12:15-23**

<sup>15</sup> So Nathan went to his house. Loss of a Child 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."

## **This Week:**

2. Be free to grieve to the extent necessary.

### **2 Thessalonians 3:13**

<sup>13</sup> *But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.*

- 1) Shock & Denial Phase
- 2) Acute Grief Phase
- 3) Disorganization Phase
- 4) Reorganized Phase

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

### **2 Samuel 12:20**

<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.*

### **Psalms 73:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> *When I pondered to understand this, It was troublesome in my sight*

<sup>17</sup> *Until I came into the sanctuary of God; Then I perceived their end.*

### **2 Samuel 12:23**

<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."*