2 Samuel 15:13-37 & Psalm 3 • Dealing with Betrayal

**2 Samuel 15:13-17**

1. (v.13-18) Biblical spiritual leaders are always concerned for **others** even when they are the main target. They do not enlist **everyone** to join them in the fight, but only those who have a proven record of similar **faithfulness** to others and the ministry.
2. (v.19-23) Biblical spiritual followers are always concerned for their **leaders** even when they may become the main target. They are drawn near because of their **faithfulness** to God’s Word and ways.
3. (v.24-29) A spiritual **crisis** does not warrant **crisis** behavior, and especially does not **repeat** unlearned lessons from the past.
4. (v.30-31) Spiritual leaders are always most concerned for the spiritual **consequences** both for the **moment** and for what is anticipated to **come**.
5. (v.32-37) Biblical spiritual leaders understand when and where to make a **stand** for the Lord, and it does not always require a no compromise **struggle** to the death. This is because they are more concerned spiritually for all **parties** involved than for their own **personal** standing.

***Overall Application:***

Even in times of crisis, a true **shepherd** never forgets he is first and foremost a **shepherd**, someone more concerned for the **sheep** than himself.

**Psalm 3**

1. (v.1-2) In every circumstance, the most important outcome has to do with our **soul**, that we see the completion of the work of God’s **salvation**.
2. (v.3-6) God’s first **response** in even the most dire of earthly situations is often **spiritual** in order to reinforce what is most important on our part: **faith** in Him.
3. (v.7-8) **Trusting** in God always results in the appropriate resolution because it a **proportional** response meted out by Him rather than our own **flesh**-based reaction.

***Overall Application:***

Although David was literally **fleeing** from a real, earthly threat to his life, he was even more focused on **fleeing** to God spiritually.