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When Dreams Can't Come True
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PLANS ARE GREAT.
REALITY IS GREATER THAN OUR PLANS.

WHAT DO WE DO WHEN OUR DREAMS CAN'T COME TRUE?

¹¹"This is what the Lord says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. ¹²You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'"

*¹³Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."
Nathan replied, "The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die."
--2 Samuel 12:11–13 NIV*

¹²"No, my brother!" she said to him. "Don't force me! Such a thing should not be done in Israel! Don't do this wicked thing. ¹³What about me? Where could I get rid of my disgrace? And what about you? You would be like one of the wicked fools in Israel. Please speak to the king; he will not keep me from being married to you." ¹⁴But he refused to listen to her, and since he was stronger than she, he raped her.

*¹⁵Then Amnon hated her with intense hatred. In fact, he hated her more than he had loved her. Amnon said to her, "Get up and get out!"
--2 Samuel 13:12–15 NIV*

*³²Absalom said to Joab, "Look, I sent word to you and said, 'Come here so I can send you to the king to ask, 'Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me if I were still there!'"' Now then, I want to see the king's face, and if I am guilty of anything, let him put me to death."
--2 Samuel 14:32 NIV*

*¹⁰Then Absalom sent secret messengers throughout the tribes of Israel to say, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpets, then say, 'Absalom is king in Hebron.'"
--2 Samuel 15:10 NIV*

*¹³A messenger came and told David, "The hearts of the people of Israel are with Absalom."
¹⁴Then David said to all of his officials who were with him in Jerusalem, "Come! We must flee, or none of us will escape from Absalom. We must leave here immediately, or he will move quickly to overtake us and bring ruin on us and put the city to the sword."
--2 Samuel 15:13-14 NIV*

²³The whole countryside wept aloud as all the people passed by. The king also crossed the Kidron Valley, and all the people moved on toward the wilderness.

²⁴Zadok was there, too, and all the Levites who were with him were carrying the ark of the covenant of God. They set down the ark of God, and Abiathar offered sacrifices until all the people had finished leaving the city.

²⁵Then the king said to Zadok, "Take the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the Lord's eyes, he will bring me back and let me see it and his dwelling place again. ²⁶But if he says, 'I am not pleased with you,' then I am ready; let him do to me whatever seems good to him."

--2 Samuel 15:23–26 NIV

HE CHOSE NOT TO ABANDON GOD, WHEN IT APPEARED THAT GOD CHOSE TO ABANDON HIM.

⁷Hushai replied to Absalom, "The advice Ahithophel has given is not good this time. ⁸You know your father and his men; they are fighters, and as fierce as a wild bear robbed of her cubs. Besides, your father is an experienced fighter; he will not spend the night with the troops. ⁹Even now, he is hidden in a cave or some other place. If he should attack your troops first, whoever hears about it will say, 'There has been a slaughter among the troops who follow Absalom.'

--2 Samuel 17:7–9 NIV

⁵The king commanded Joab, Abishai and Ittai, "Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake." And all the troops heard the king giving orders concerning Absalom to each of the commanders.

⁶David's army marched out of the city to fight Israel, and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim. ⁷There Israel's troops were routed by David's men, and the casualties that day were great—twenty thousand men. ⁸The battle spread out over the whole countryside, and the forest swallowed up more men that day than the sword.

--2 Samuel 18:5–8 NIV

¹In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

--Psalm 25:1 NIV

⁵Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

--Psalm 25:5 NIV

THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH IS NOT ANSWERED PRAYER OR HAPPILY EVER AFTER ENDINGS.

WE'RE MISTAKEN TO ASSUME WE'RE FORSAKEN.