



# GUARANTEED: GOD WILL DEFEND YOU

...THE LORD WILL SEE MY DISTRESS AND REPAY ME WITH GOOD... - 2 SAMUEL 16:12

Week 6 of 9

**WHEN TIMES GET TOUGH... NASTINESS / need to defend my honor, my testimony**

PROMISES:

- God is more committed to us than we are to him.
- God is committed to giving us everything we need for us to become like Jesus.
- If God has my heart, I have his strength.
- In Jesus, I am free from sin, free to live!
- God promises prosperity if I obey him with diligence and generosity.
- By heeding the truth of Jesus and the presence of the Spirit, I will grow!

## DAVID & SHIMEI (2 SAMUEL 16:5-14 P. 222)

### STATEMENT #1:

*David then said to Abishai and all his officials, "My son, who is of my own flesh, is trying to take my life. How much more, then, this Benjamite! Leave him alone; let him curse..." So David and his men continued along the road while Shimei was going along the hillside opposite him, cursing as he went and throwing stones at him and showering him with dirt.*

2 Samuel 16:11, 13

### COMMITMENT #1:

***I will not be distracted by the dirt clods of my enemies.***

**IMPORTANT TASKS => BIG EMOTIONS => ONLY DIRT**

**HOW COULD DAVID HAVE THE GUTS TO DO THAT? ... HE KNEW THE PROMISE!**

*[God said to Abraham,] "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

Genesis 12:3

*[God said to David,] "When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom.... Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."*

2 Samuel 7:12, 16

***"God is my defender."***

### STATEMENT #2:

*It may be that the LORD will see my distress and repay me with good for the cursing I am receiving today.*

2 Samuel 16:12

### COMMITMENT #2:

***I will not defend myself.***

*Okay, so what SHOULD I do?*

- Seek **reconciliation** according to Matthew 5:23-26.
- Speak the **truth** in **love** (Ephesians 4:15).  
**That means it's okay to lovingly refute lies. / BUT SHIMEI SPOKE TRUTH??**

### STATEMENT #3:

*Leave him alone; let him curse, for the LORD has told him to.*

2 Samuel 16:11

**David recognizes God's Sovereignty // GOD IS ALSO THEIR DEFENDER!!**

### COMMITMENT #3:

***I will not be offensive to others.***

*But shouldn't Christians confront sin?*

- We confront sin in **ourselves first** (Matthew 7:3-5).
- We address sin in others with caution and consideration (Matthew 18).

### EPILOGUE:

1 Kings 2:36-46 (p. 233)

***Because God is my defender,***

***I will live with integrity before Him.***

**Do the NEXT RIGHT THING**

*Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

1 Peter 2:12

## CONCLUSION:

*But David continued up the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went; his head was covered and he was barefoot. All the people with him covered their heads too and were weeping as they went up.*

2 Samuel 15:30

**ANOTHER KING ONCE WENT IN SADNESS TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES  
"PUT YOUR SWORD BACK" / FATHER FORGIVE THEM / INTO YOUR HANDS  
... AND IF WE DO, OUR VINDICATION / RESURRECTION WILL COME FROM GOD**