

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Proverbs 29.

1 Samuel 31:11-13 "When the people of Jabesh Gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul, all their valiant men marched through the night to Beth Shan. They took down the bodies of Saul and his sons from the wall of Beth Shan and went to Jabesh, where they burned them. Then they took their bones and buried them under a tamarisk tree at Jabesh, and they fasted seven days." (NIV)

"Glory to God, He always has His valiant men! When one servant passes from the scene, another arises to take his place. If Saul is gone, God raises up a David. If the army of Israel is utterly routed, God still has His valiant men. God's work is bigger than any man or any group of people." David Guzik

Valiant: "showing courage or determination." God always has those who are determined to do the right thing. In the aftermath of the elections, the blame games have begun. Gloating is rearing its ugly head once again. And we are waiting to see who is going to be the adult in the room. Leadership changes. Hearts are broken. Transition is tough. But God still has those who seek to do the right thing.

After the death of Saul, God would raise up David to be king over Judah. But instead of rejoicing over the death of a sworn enemy by the countless times Saul tried to kill him, David mourned the death of God's anointed.

The beginning of David's lament in 2 Samuel 1:17 "A gazelle lies slain on your heights, Israel. How the mighty have fallen!" (NIV)

David could have rejoiced. He could have gloated. He could have thrown a party. But he mourned the loss of God's anointed.

I have talked with so many families who have been torn apart following the death of a loved one. Fighting. Bickering. Back stabbing. Going to court over the smallest amount of money.

Have the courage and determination to do the right thing.

Happy Friday. I hope you are in church this Sunday.