

## SEEKING STABILITY IN CHAOS

2 Samuel 15-17

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→ Good news and bad news on this Father's Day . . .

→ THE BIG IDEA: Submitting yourself to the will of God is the key to handling adversity

### 1. THE SITUATION THAT DAVID FACED- 2 Samuel 15:1-37

-Some background for context:

- Saul (1 Sam 10-31) and David (1 Sam 16-2 Sam 14)
- David & Bathsheba (2 Sam 11-12)
- Amnon & Tamar and Amnon & Absalom (2 Sam 13)

-Summary of current events:

- Absalom
- David

### 2. THE STRESSORS THAT DAVID FLED INTO- 2 Sam 15:13-37

-Political

-Physical:

-Emotional:

-Mental:

-Personal:

-Spiritual:

→ The result?

v30 And David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went, and his head was covered and he walked barefoot. Then all the people who were with him each covered his head and went up weeping as they went.

### 3. THE STABILITY THAT DAVID FOUND- 2 Sam 15:25-26

→ What is the secret to finding stability in times of instability?

What is our hope in times of stress and chaos and adversity?

## SO WHAT? NOW WHAT? TAKING IT HOME!!

1. There may be a lesson or two here dads . . .

2. Adversity, hardship, difficulties, suffering, challenges . . .  
whatever you call it, it ain't fun

3. Are you experiencing adversity today? Facing hardship, difficulties, or challenges?  
Do you feel stressed and overwhelmed?  
David's experience is instructive and helpful

4. Can you say with David today, "Let Him do to me as seems good to Him"?

4. Can you agree today with the words of this song by Casting Crowns?

### DESERT ROADS

I don't wanna write this song  
I don't want this pain to be my story  
I don't want this desert road  
Are you sure this is the plan that You have for me?  
Out here in the dust and clay  
God, if there's a bigger picture  
It's gettin' hard to see today  
But I know that You won't leave me  
I don't know where this is goin'  
But I know who holds my hand  
It's not the path I would've chosen  
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