

Moving On

2 Samuel 18:19-19:8

1 December 2013

I. Good news?

- A. Recap.
- B. The dread of telling David.

II. David's tears

- A. Grieving for the death of his beloved son.
- B. Grieving for the eternal fate of Absalom.
- C. Grieving at his own inability to save Absalom from death.
- D. Grieving that his own dreadful sins led to this.

III. Joab's rebuke (and threat)

- A. Making his people ashamed of their victory.
- B. Joab's rebuke: you are shaming your people.
- C. Joab's threat: if you don't go, the consequences will be far worse.
- D. Moving on.

IV. Grief and guilt

- A. Grief is often tangled up in guilt.
- B. It is not just missing someone that hurts.
- C. There is wisdom in Joab's nasty speech.

V. Grief and God

- A. David knew that he had contributed to Absalom's death. (2 Samuel 12:10-12)
- B. God's sovereignty over life and death. (Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Jeremiah 21:8-10; Psalm 90:3-4, 12, 17; Deuteronomy 32:39; 1 Samuel 2:2-6; Psalm 139:13-16)
- C. Is God just a Joab, telling us to play through the pain?

VI. Grief and good news

- A. Wait for the end of the story. (Isaiah 46:8-11; 25:6-8)
- B. Jesus has gone through the story with us.
- C. In Jesus, God has become not just the author but the main character in the story. (Hebrews 2:14-15)
- D. The Beginning and the End. (Acts 3:15; Colossians 1:16-17; John 1:1-3; Revelation 21:1-7)
- E. Sitting in the gate.