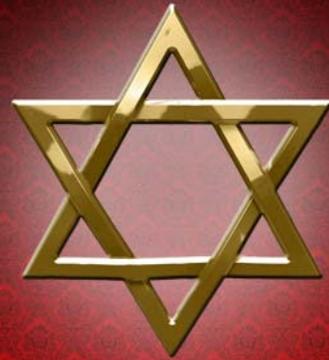




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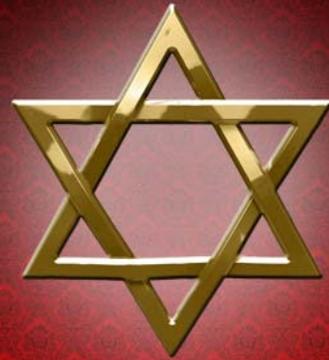
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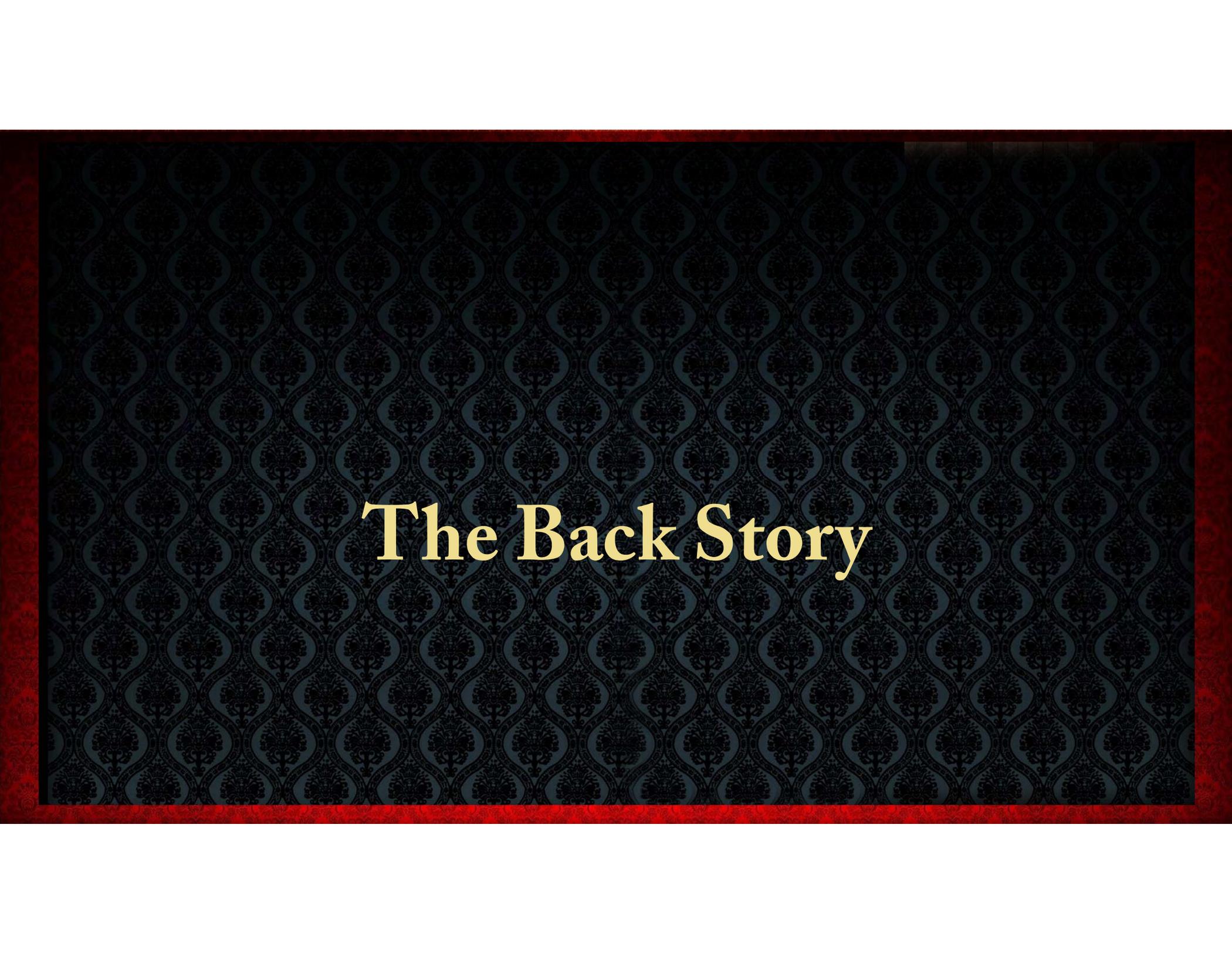
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# Managing grief from the death of Friend and Foe

1 Samuel 27-30



# The Back Story

# David as Fugitive



Saul considered David as his mortal enemy



10 years sought him to kill him

# 16 Months Ago

## David lapse from faith



*Now I shall perish someday by the hand of Saul.  
There is nothing better for me than that I should  
speedily escape to the land of the Philistines;  
and Saul will despair of me, to seek me anymore ...”*

1 Samuel 27:1



# Capture & Destruction of Ziklag



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# David Returns to the Lord



*David strengthened himself  
in the Lord his God*

*1 Samuel 30:6*



# David Returns to the Lord



David moved from a backslidden state  
to a renewed relationship with the Lord

*Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings.  
Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our God.*

Jeremiah 3:22

# Saul Facing Battle of His Life – Philistines

## 1 Samuel 28

### Saul Goes to a Medium

1 Samuel 28:3-4

1 Samuel 28:11-14

1 Samuel 28:15-20

The Reason

The Request

The Report



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**The Defeat**

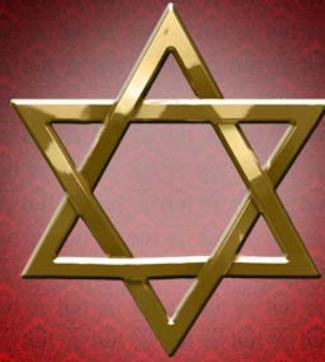
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**1 Samuel 21:11-13**

**The Deployment**





# Grief from the death of a Foe

2 Samuel 1

# Mourning at the News

2 Samuel 1:1-12



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2 Samuel 1:13-16



# David's Song of the Bow

2 Samuel 1:17-27



**2 Samuel 1:19**

***The beauty of Israel is slain on your high places!  
How the mighty have fallen!***

***Saul and Jonathan***

***Beauty of Israel***

***Mighty***



## 2 Samuel 1:-20



**Tell it not in Gath,  
Proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon—  
Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,  
Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.**

## 2 Samuel 1:21



**O mountains of Gilboa,  
Let there be no dew nor rain upon you,  
Nor fields of offerings.  
For the shield of the mighty is cast away there!  
The shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.**

## 2 Samuel 1:22

**From the blood of the slain,  
From the fat of the mighty,  
The bow of Jonathan  
did not turn back,  
And the sword of Saul  
did not return empty.**



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**Saul and Jonathan were beloved  
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They were stronger than lions.**



## 2 Samuel 1:24



**O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,  
Who clothed you in scarlet, with luxury;  
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2 Samuel 1:25



**How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle!  
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## 2 Samuel 1:26



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**How the mighty have fallen,  
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perished!”**



# Lessons



From a time of Grief



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1. We should express grief for friends and family who have died

*David took hold of his own clothes and tore them,  
and so did all the men who were with him*

2 Samuel 1:11

# Lessons

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1. We should express grief for friends and family who have died

*But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren,  
concerning those who have fallen asleep,  
lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.*

1 Thessalonians 4:13

# Lessons

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2. We must forgive past hurts – (David had already forgiven)

*The beauty of Israel is slain on your high places!*

*How the mighty have fallen!*

2 Samuel 1:17

# Lessons

From a time of Grief

## 2. We must forgive past hurts



*Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*

Ephesians 4:31-32

# Lessons

From a time of Grief



## 3. We must focus of the good passing over the bad

**They were accomplished in their task of protecting the nation.**

*The bow of Jonathan did not turn back,  
And the sword of Saul did not return empty.*

*2 Samuel 1:22*

# Lessons

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## 3. We must focus of the good passing over the bad

They were in harmony and loyalty to one another

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*And in their death they were not divided*

2 Samuel 1:23

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Saul and Jonathan were like mighty weapons for the Lord

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2 Samuel 1:27

# Lessons

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## 3. We must focus of the good passing over the bad

*Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth,  
but what is good for necessary edification,  
that it may impart grace to the hearers.*

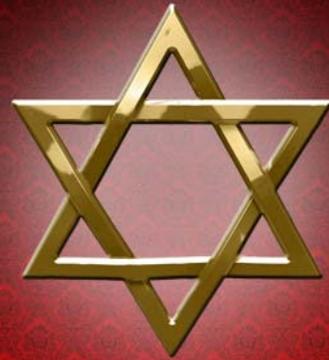
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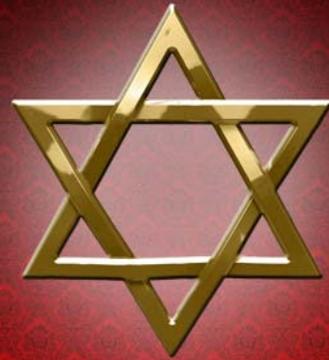


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