

Refreshment For The Weary

2 Samuel 16-17

The Difficulty of Life on the Run

16:1-14

- David and his people quickly flee Jerusalem and need basic supplies to survive.
- Simple physical provisions arrive along with distressing news of duplicity by a friend.
- Shimei, a descendant of Saul, falsely accuses David, attacks him, and curses him.
- Physical hardship and emotional anguish weary David and his people.

When you are weary, express to God the pain and _____ of your experiences. He knows and cares.

The Brokenness of Life in Jerusalem

16:15-23

- God's anointed king David was run out of Jerusalem but is supported by ally Hushai.
- David's former counselor Ahithophel denounces David, ignores God's Word, gives ungodly advice to Absalom, and dishonors God.
- Absalom openly follows poor counsel, sins against God, shuns God's chosen king and his own father, and attempts to steal a role that is not his.
- Spiritual depravity, governmental disarray, and family betrayal infiltrate the heights of Absalom's power.

When you are weary, be careful in whom you place your trust. Know and trust _____ first.

Two Counselors Collide and God Decides

17:1-14

- The shrewd counselor Ahithophel presents an effective strategy to defeat a weary David.
- Hushai contradicts Ahithophel's recommendation and outlines a strategic plan which will, unknown to Absalom, provide time for David and his people to escape.
- God ordains that Absalom and the people pursue Hushai's plan which protects David and foils Absalom.

When you are weary, rest in Him. God _____ the outcomes.

Provision and Protection For The Weary

17:15-29

- Courageous allies risk their lives to protect David and enable his people to escape Absalom's advances.
- Neighboring leaders come to the aid of David and his people with much needed provision and supplies for the weary refugees.

*When others are weary, courageously and generously _____ them.
Seek and accept help when you need it.*

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PSALM 3:1-2 O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God.

PSALM 63:1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

PSALM 3:3-5 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill. I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

PSALM 63:2-8 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

PSALM 3:7a Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God!

