

1. **Launcher:** What consequences do you live with from a selfish choice?

2. **Worship God** – Psalm 3:1-4

Worship the LORD who is glorious no matter what our circumstances are. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His unchanging glory and worth – for all eternity, in all circumstances, to all His people.

3. **Sermon Reflection: “David’s Exile”**

Behavior & Consequences

- Even with God’s grace to redeem, how can we still suffer consequences from foolish decisions?
- How have we robbed our children of hope by hiding the consequences of our sins?
- What consequences are you experiencing right now? What does faith in God’s goodness look like in those consequences?

Honest in Humiliation

- What is significant about David’s ownership of his sins?
- Why does hope start with owning our failures? Can you repent if you refuse to own?
- How can our bitter circumstances be compared to a plow?

Rich in Poverty

- Why could David trust that God would work for his good?
- What did the pattern of atonement in 2 Sam. 16:12 reveal to David about YHWH?
- Why is Psalm 3 so marvelous? Spend time praying or “psalming” through your present circumstances, relying solely on the Gospel for hope and satisfaction.

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: You Can Pray with Us**

- I. Worship the LORD who is glorious no matter what our circumstances are. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His unchanging glory and worth – for all eternity, in all circumstances, to all His people.
- II. How have you lived shifting blame or in denial of your guilt? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to cleanse your guilt and heal your heart in the midst of your trials and suffering.
- III. Give thanks to Jesus for the miracle of His plan — that the King of all existence came to bear our curse so that we could enjoy His blessings! Thank Him for His mercy and wisdom to bring life out of violence and death.
- IV. Who do you know that suffers from their own foolish choices? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes to His love in Christ and to His power to transform their bitterness into glory.
- V. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love, joy and patience. Pray for greater faith in God’s love and power to work even through your failures and disastrous choices that you could have Him as your glory.

5. **Mission:** We are on mission as Christians to have faith in the redemptive work of Christ, specifically when we are reaping the consequences of our sins. That’s how great our hope is in Christ’s atoning work! It also allows for us to live joyfully transparent with our family and friends, as we do life together on this side of Eternity.