



Confronting Crisis

Fluctuation & Frustration

Theme Scripture

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Definition

Crisis - an emotionally significant event or radical change of status in a person's life.

- an unstable or crucial time or state of affairs in which a decisive change is impending/inevitable.

Confront - come face-to-face with something one seems to be powerless

Merriam-Webster Dictionary



Upon what ground do you
confront your crisis or make
your decision in times of crisis?

- Life storms are not respecter of religious, political, entrepreneurial, or naïve belief.
- Each one of us is prone to the turbulence of life storms.
- Since our Lord Jesus was not speared, surely, we will have our share as Christians

Matthew 10:24-25 “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.



The Lord speaks

Matthew 7:24-26 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Forms of Life's Storm

- Health crisis
 - Death of a loved one
 - Economic and financial challenge
 - Lost of source of income
 - Disobedient children
 - Delayed prayer request
 - Test of faith/spiritual discipline
 - Marital upheaval
 - Betrayal
- Family confrontation
 - Disappointments
 - Sudden change in the rule of law
 - Indirect repercussion of others mistake
 - False accusation
 - Sin
 - Accident
 - Natural disaster
 - Etc.

Stages of storms of life

- Pre-crisis
- Crisis
- Post crisis

The Essence of Scripture

- Inerrancy - credible, factual, trustworthy, reliable, transcends/outlives generations because it comes from God of all creation.
- Revelation - through Scripture God makes Himself known to humanity.
- Illumination - the process through which the Holy Spirit reveals God's mind to His children and grants them grace to understand, welcome, and apply scriptural truth.

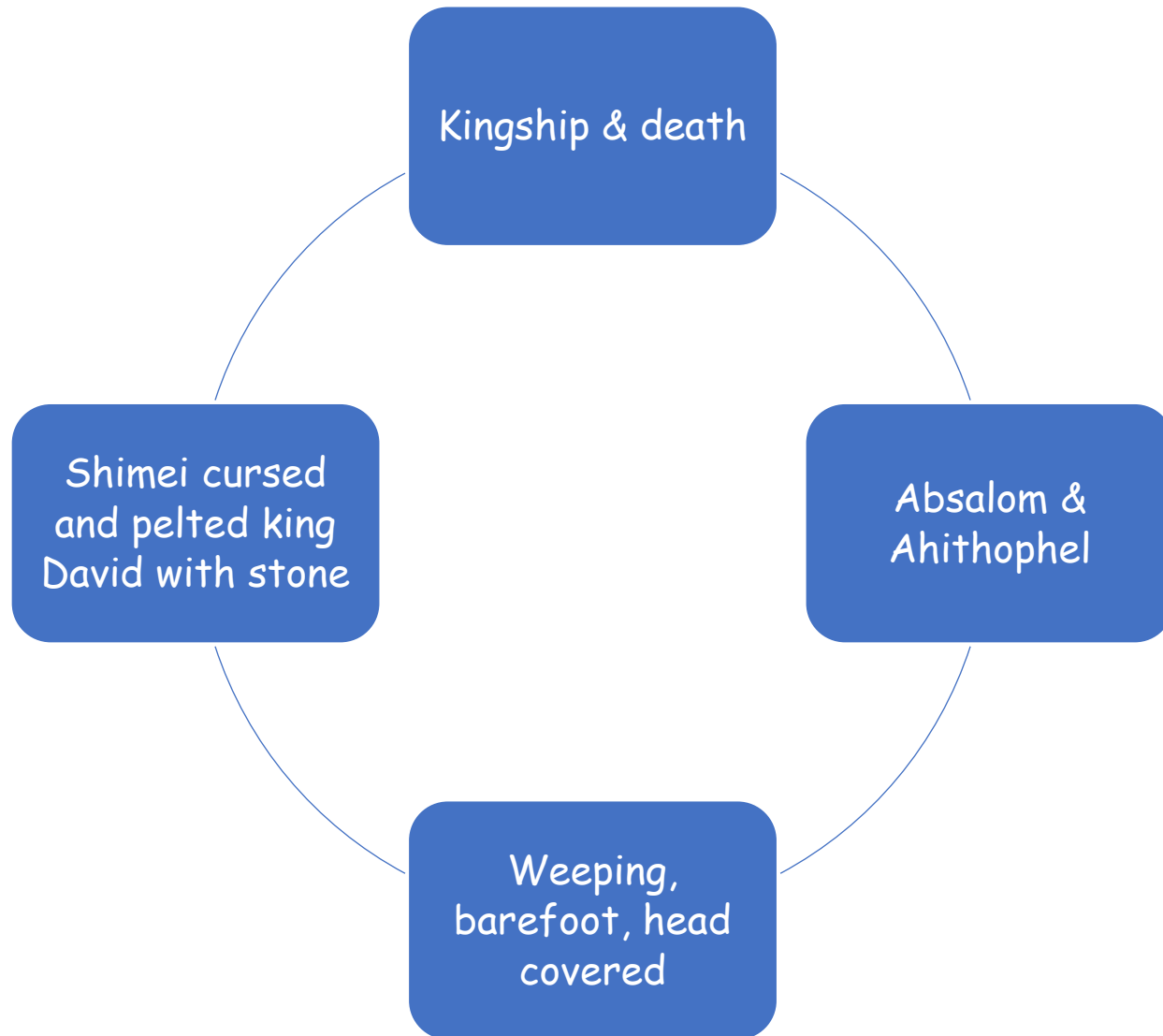
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- Interpretation - the ability to take-off traditional and presumptuous lens to understand scripture from its historical context and how it applies to us today.
- Application - that`s the power of obedience which works through faith.

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King David's Crisis



God's hand behind the scene

- Restoration
- Zadok & Abiathar
- Ahimaaz & Jonathan
- Hushai

Unwavering Trust in the Lord

2 Samuel 15:25-26 Then the king said to Zadok, "Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me back and let me see both it and his dwelling place. ²⁶ But if he says, 'I have no pleasure in you,' behold, here I am, let him do to me what seems good to him."

2 Samuel 15:31 And it was told David, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "O LORD, please turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness."

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2 Samuel 16:7-8 And Shimei said as he cursed, "Get out, get out, you man of blood, you worthless man!"⁸ The LORD has avenged on you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned, and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. See, your evil is on you, for you are a man of blood."

2 Samuel 16:11-12 And David said to Abishai and to all his servants, "Behold, my own son seeks my life; how much more now may this Benjaminite! Leave him alone, and let him curse, for the LORD has told him to."¹² It may be that the LORD will look on the wrong done to me, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing today."

The Formidable Rock

Psalm 55:22 Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

John 16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

1 Peter 5:7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Romans 10:11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Conclusion



Crisis is inevitable for all manner of persons



Your substance of confrontation is vital



If the Lord and His word are your substance, then be rest assured that it shall be well with you.



Let's pray ...!!!