

2 Samuel 4:1-12

The Lord, Who Has Redeemed My Life Out of Adversity

Do you trust God to help save you?

Do you trust God to help save you from your own sin through faith in Jesus and do you trust God to save you from your issues and problems now?

If you trust in God's plan, it will help you to be at peace when you have problems now.

If you trust God's plan, it will help

God redeems us out of adversity from our own sin and God redeems us out of adversity in our day-to-day problems.

1. Jesus is King! Jesus is our perfect leader and we exist to serve Him.
2. As King, Jesus is perfect and when we follow His lead it helps us.
3. Jesus is sovereign. He is over everything.
4. Jesus' people are ruled with and by Jesus' power. We can rest easy with His leadership and power.
5. God has a covenant with His people that He will rule them and deliver them and bless them for all eternity.
6. If Jesus is King, He is perfect, He is over everything, He will help us with His power, and He will bless us for eternity, we do not need to worry or take things into our own hands.

Romans 10:9-11 *“if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. 11 For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”*

Vs 1-4 Ish-Bosheth was trying to lead with his own power instead of listening to God and following God.

What area of your life are you trying to lead yourself, or your family, instead of following God?

If you lead in a way that is in your own strength, and you are not following God, you will fail!

Vs 4- Jonathan had a lame son named Mephibosheth. It is believed that there was no movement to make Jonathan's son the king because he was young and he was crippled.

Vs 5-12 Saul's son was named Ish-bosheth. He was trying to rival David as the king.

David had been chosen by God to be the king.

What area of your life do you know what God wants you to do, but you refuse to do it?

In what area of your life do you need to seek the Lord's direction instead of going it in your own strength?

God does not want us breaking into someone's house and killing them when they are sleeping.

We can find many ways to justify our own sin, but these men just wanted revenge and they tried to excuse their murder by acting like they did it for King David or God.

What area of your life are you justifying sin instead of owning your part and asking God to forgive you and help you?

These men thought they were doing something good murdering Ish-bosheth, but David knew this did not honor God and that this was wrong.

David was a good leader trying to listen to God, follow God, and lead others in a godly way.

David could have killed Saul or Ish-bosheth long ago. David did not lay his hand on God's anointed. David trusted God.

God is the one who redeems us out of adversity. If we have problems, we need to ask Him for help. We do not need to take things into our own hands. Jesus is a loving King who will help us when we ask Him to.

God does not want us to try to take things into our own hands.

What area are you not trusting in God? What area are you trying to play God?

Was it okay that David killed these two men who committed murder?

God uses David as the king to pass judgement on murder and revenge.

Romans 13:1-7 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

David was the king and God used him to pass on just punishment.

Though Ish-bosheth rivaled King David, David valued his life and did not want him murdered.

Do you believe that Jesus is the Savior of the world?

Have you asked Jesus to take control of your life?

What area are you not trusting Jesus with and are instead trying to do something in your own strength?

Will you ask Jesus' forgiveness of that and ask Him to help you with whatever you are struggling with?

The Lord will redeem your life out of adversity!