

GREATER THAN SERIES
GOD IS GREATER THAN MY HURTS
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SELECTED PSALMS
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Most of us think that the Book of Psalms is a collection of nice Bible verses written by people lazing around on the grass as they strummed their guitars composing melodies! Nothing could be farther from the truth. Hardly any were written like that—if any. The psalms are real-life songs written by real-life people living under extreme pressure.

WIPE OUT: That Hurts!

DAVID'S HURTS

REJECTION

- Rejected by his dad (1 Samuel 16:10-11)
- Rejected by his brothers (1 Samuel 17:26-29)
- Rejected by his boss (1 Samuel 25:44)
- Rejected by his wife (divorced) (1 Samuel 25:44)
- Rejected by God (at least that is how it seemed to him at times) (Psalm 22:1)

BROKEN FRIENDSHIPS

- David's intimate friendship with Jonathan was taken from him (1 Samuel 18:1-4).

INNER ANGUISH OF HURTING OTHERS

- His lies and selfishness causes the death of the priest Ahimilech (1 Samuel 21:1-15).
- His adultery with Bathsheba resulted in the death of Uriah and of his son (2 Samuel 12:13-15, 18).

DYSFUNCTIONAL CHILDREN

- Amnon rapes Tamar (2 Samuel 13:9-13).
- Absalom murders Amnon (2 Samuel 13:28-31).

REBELLION

- Absalom, his pride and joy, his oldest son, tried to steal his kingdom (2 Samuel 15:10) and drove David from his throne (2 Samuel 15:13-14).
- David wept (2 Samuel 15:30) and wrote Psalm 3.
- Absalom was killed by Joab (2 Samuel 18:14-15) and David was almost destroyed by his anguish (2 Samuel 18:31-33).

BETRAYAL

- Ahithophel, David's father-in-law and trusted friend and advisor joined Absalom in overthrowing David's rule. (2 Samuel 15:31; Psalm 41:9; John 13:18).

HUMILIATION

- Shimei pelted David with stones as he retreated in shame from Jerusalem (2 Sam. 16:5-13).

BROKEN DREAMS

- God squelched David's dream of building the Lord's temple because of the blood on David's hands (2 Samuel 7:1-6; 1 Chronicles 17:1-4; 28:2-3 and Psalm 30).

DAVID'S HEALING

RELATIONSHIPS: David found comfort in God and in the people around him.

His community of 600 men loved him and were willing to die for him (1 Samuel 23:13-16).

He had cultivated hundreds of "Mighty Men" by the end of his life (2 Samuel 23:8-39).

He found comfort in God (Psalm 86:4-18 and Psalm 139)

TRUST: He lived with a deep faith that that no matter what happened God would bring victory.

Psalm 56:1-4; 30:4-5; 31:15-16; 18; 40 and 57-59

Prayer Checklist

1. Is this hurt (sickness, trouble, and/or situation) unto death?
2. Is this hurt God's discipline because of a sin I have committed?
3. Is this a hurt which will give God glory by the good way that I handle it?

ANGER: He got angry; he got healed.

Imprecatory psalms (Psalm 109; 52 and 7)

TRIUMPH. He refused to let hurts ruin his life.

Psalms 122; 126:5-6

PRAISE: He lived in the kingdom of praise.

Psalm 35:25 and Ps 56:10

REALITY: Some hurts may never be fully healed.

1 Kings 2:8-9

CONTENTMENT: God doesn't waste our hurts.

People without Jesus seem to suffer for nothing. Christ Followers suffer for Someone (1 Peter 1 and Psalm 56:8-11).

Psalm 127 and 131