

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Have you been hurt or betrayed by someone you have trusted and loved?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read 2 Samuel 15:1-12.
 - a. What's happening in this passage?
 - b. Who is Absalom?
3. Please read David's prayer in Psalm 3.
 - a. How does David feel?
 - b. Can you identify with this psalm?
 - c. What about this chapter speaks to you? Why?
4. Have you ever had an Absalom in your life?
5. How many enemies did David feel like were against him? Can you identify with this feeling?
6. What does a true friend look like? Are you a true friend? Do you have a 2AM friend at ThornCreek Church?
7. What is the accusation David's enemies are saying? What kind of attack are these words?
8. Pastor Ruben said, "Some of the hardest battles you'll face will be those you can't see." Can you identify with this quote? What battle are you facing that you need prayer?

9. At what point in this psalm does David have new confidence? What does he say? What happened? Do you need new confidence from God?

10. What are your thoughts about this quote? "God sustains us in our sleep, but we take it for granted. Think of it: you are asleep, unconscious, dead to the world – yet you breathe, your heart pumps, your organs operate. The same God who sustains us in our sleep will sustain us in our difficulties."

11. What does David understand in Psalm three that impacts his confidence?

12. Would you agree to be a 2AM friend to someone at ThornCreek? Tell them.

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- There's nothing sweeter than a true friend.
 - Someone who has your back.
 - You never worry about their loyalty.
 - You never question their love for you.
 - Someone who thinks the best of you...even when others say the worse.
 - Someone who trusts you...even when they don't understand everything.
 - Someone who trusts your character.
 - The kind of friend that you can call at 2:00 AM.

- Some of the hardest battles you'll face will be those you can't see.

- When you walk with God, you see how He protects you.

- God is watching over you.
 - You don't have to worry.
 - You don't have to stress.
 - You don't have to live with anxiety.
 - You don't have to internalize anything.
 - You don't have to understand everything.
 - You don't have to control everything.