WHEN GOOD NEWS BECOMES BAD NEWS

2 Samuel 18:1–19:8a

God's purposes are never frustrated, even when human intentions and circumstances seem to threaten their fulfilment. David's kingdom is preserved, Absalom's rebellion is defeated, and God's promises remain secure. Yet David is so overwhelmed by the loss of his son that he struggles to recognize God's deliverance. His grief not only obscures the significance of God's work but also dishonours those through whom that work was accomplished. Like David, we can become so consumed by disappointment, regret, or sorrow that we fail to recognize God's faithfulness and neglect our responsibilities toward others. Even when God's dealings with us are painful or contrary to our expectations, his purposes remain good and his promises secure. Our response should be one of humble trust, grateful obedience, and confidence in his unfailing faithfulness.

God's Purposes Are Accomplished 18:1–18

God's Deliverance Is Misunderstood 18:19–33

God's Victory Is Dishonoured 19:1–8a

Let God's purposes govern your response!