



# DAVID

“Heartly Perfect”

*David and Absalom*

*2 Samuel 13-18*

# Sin's Sorrow

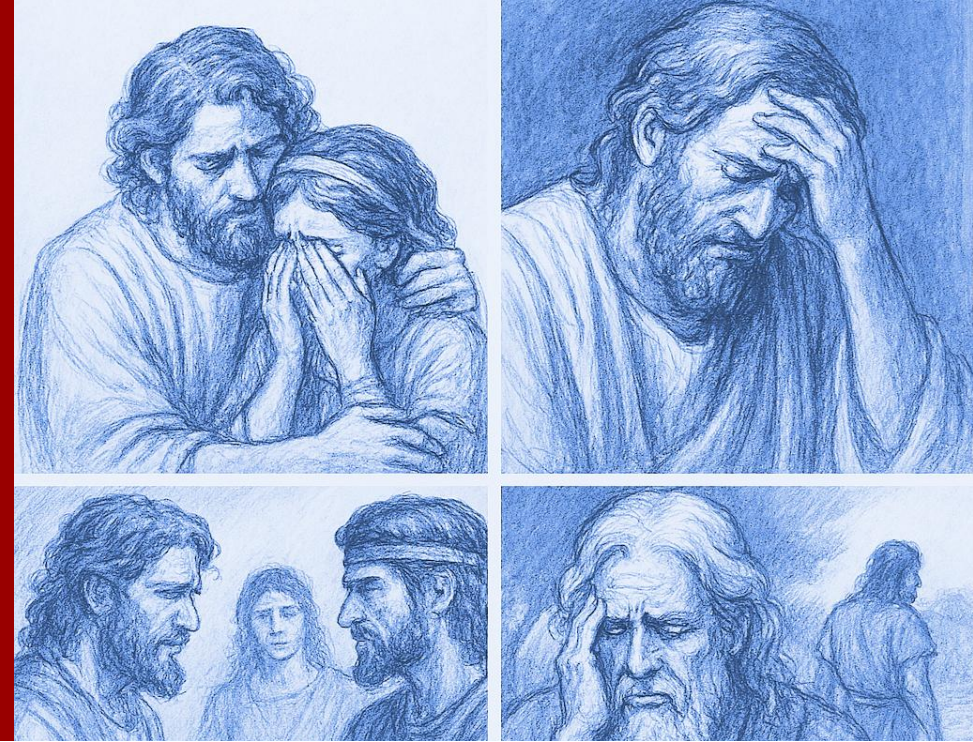
*Even my close friend whom I trusted,  
he who shared meals with me, has  
turned against me*

Psalm 41:9

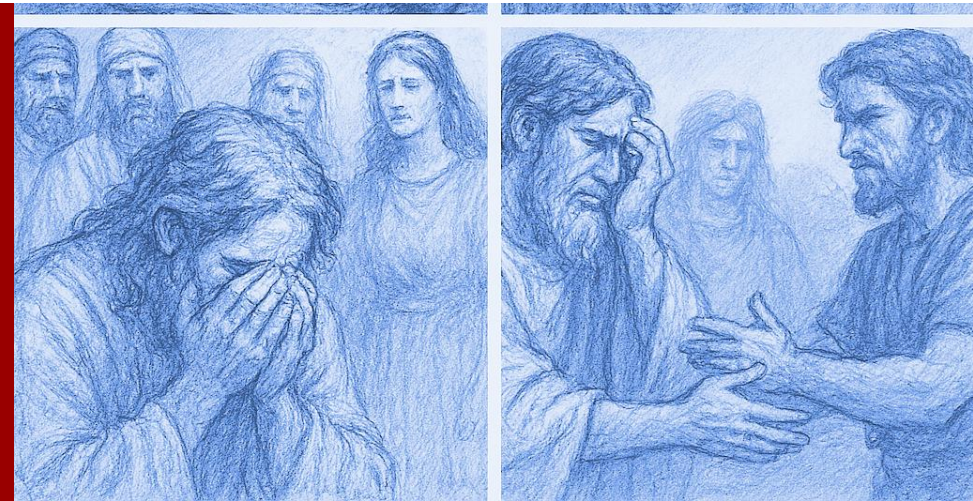


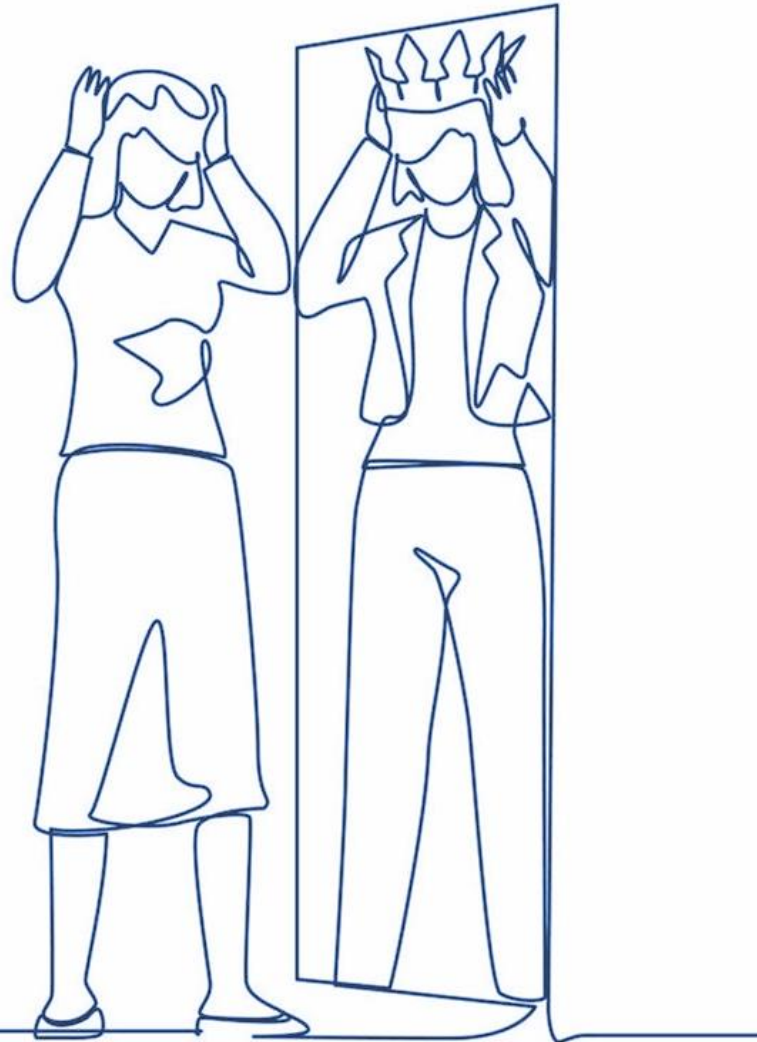
So now the sword will never depart from your house. For you have despised me by taking the wife of Uriah the Hittite as your own!' This is what the Lord has said: 'I am about to bring disaster on you from inside your own household! Right before your eyes I will take your wives and hand them over to your companion. He will go to bed with your wives in broad daylight! Although you have acted in secret, I will do this thing before all Israel, and in broad daylight.

2 Samuel 12



## 2 Samuel 13-14





Now Absalom used to get up early and stand beside the road that led to the city gate. Whenever anyone came by who had a complaint to bring to the king for arbitration, Absalom would call out to him, "What city are you from?" The person would answer, "I, your servant, am from one of the tribes of Israel." Absalom would then say to him, "Look, your claims are legitimate and appropriate. But there is no representative of the king who will listen to you." Absalom would then say, "If only they would make me a judge in the land! Then everyone who had a judicial complaint could come to me and I would make sure he receives a just settlement." 2 Samuel 15:2-4



# Grieving the Living & the Dead

*If an enemy were insulting me,  
I could endure it... But it is you, a man  
like myself, my companion,  
my close friend  
Psalm 55:12–13*

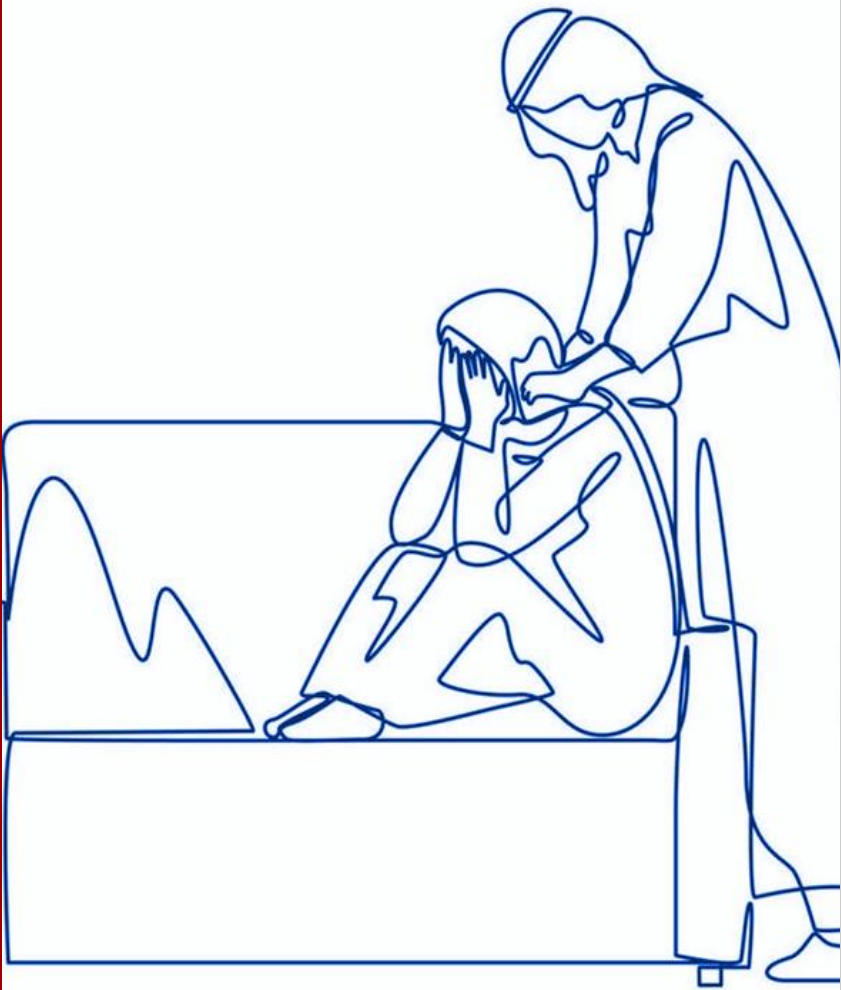




Tamar, devastated, lived in the house of her brother Absalom. Now King David heard about all these things and was very angry.

But Absalom said nothing to Amnon, either bad or good, yet Absalom hated Amnon because he had humiliated his sister Tamar.

2 Samuel 13:20-22



Jonadab, the son of David's brother Shimeah, said, "My lord should not say, 'They have killed all the young men who are the king's sons.' For only Amnon is dead. This is what Absalom has talked about from the day that Amnon humiliated his sister Tamar...

Just as he finished speaking, the king's sons arrived, wailing and weeping. The king and all his servants wept loudly as well. But Absalom fled and went to King Talmai son of Ammihud of Geshur. And David grieved over his son every day. The king longed to go to Absalom, for he had since been consoled over the death of Amnon.

2 Samuel 13:32-37, 39



Absalom lived in Jerusalem for two years without seeing the king's face. Then Absalom sent a message to Joab asking him to send him to the king, but Joab was not willing to come to him. So he sent a second message to him, but he still was not willing to come.

30 So he said to his servants, "Look, Joab has a portion of field adjacent to mine and he has some barley there. Go and set it on fire." So Absalom's servants set Joab's portion of the field on fire. Then Joab got up and came to Absalom's house. He said to him, "Why did your servants set my portion of field on fire?" 32 Absalom said to Joab, "Look, I sent a message to you saying, 'Come here so that I can send you to the king with this message: "Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me if I were still there."' Let me now see the face of the king. If I am at fault, let him put me to death!"

33 So Joab went to the king and informed him. The king summoned Absalom, and he came to the king. Absalom bowed down before the king with his face toward the ground and the king kissed him. 2 Samuel 14:28-33



As David was going up the Mount of Olives, he was weeping as he went; his head was covered and his feet were bare. All the people who were with him also had their heads covered and were weeping as they went up.

2 Samuel 15:30



The king then became very upset. He went up to the upper room over the gate and wept. As he went he said, “My son, Absalom! My son, my son, Absalom! If only I could have died in your place! Absalom, my son, my son!”

Joab was told, “The king is weeping and mourning over Absalom.” So the victory of that day was turned to mourning as far as all the people were concerned.

2 Samuel 18:33-19:2



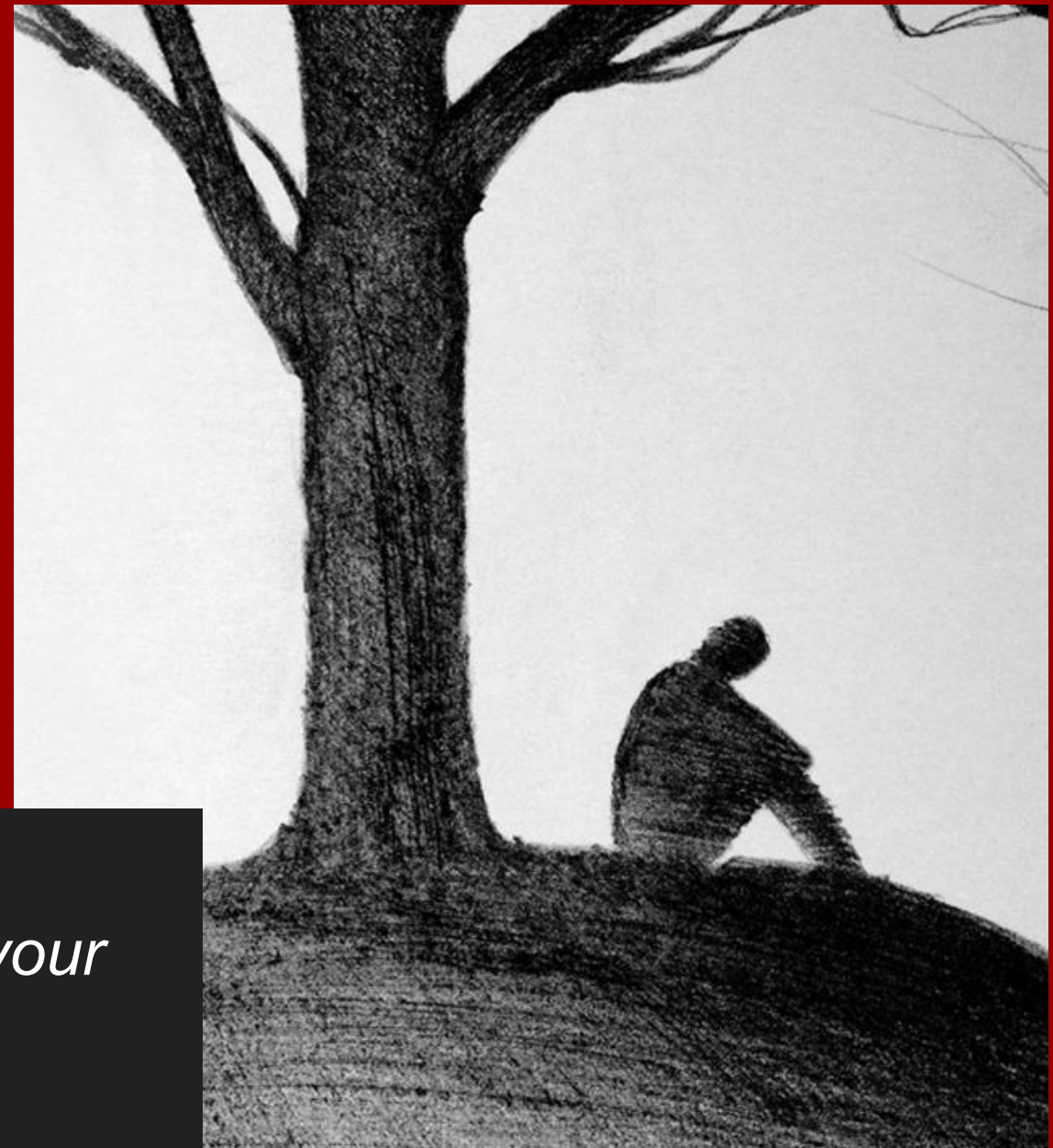
*Grief is not just  
the loss of a  
person. It is the  
loss of what  
could have  
been. The slow  
unraveling of  
hope.*

# Good Grief

*O Sovereign Lord,  
intervene on my behalf for the sake of your  
reputation.*

*Because your loyal love is good*

*Psalm 109:21*

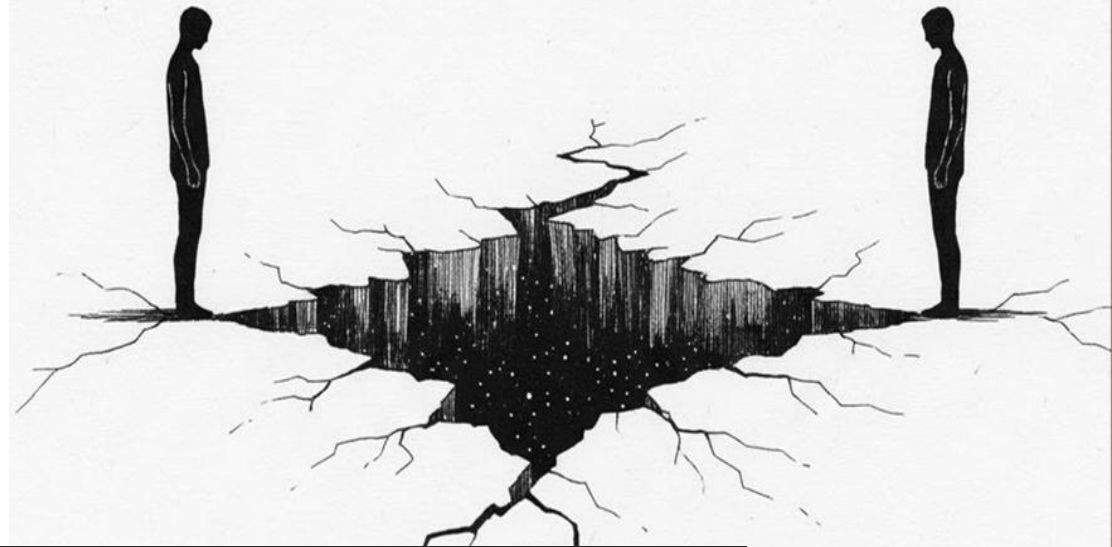


# Lead with Repentance



*See my pain and suffering.  
Forgive all my sins.  
Psalm 25:18*

# Do Not Withhold Forgiveness



*They repay my love with  
accusations,  
but I continue to pray.*

Psalm 109:4

Pursue  
Justice  
Uphold  
Integrity



*May integrity and godliness protect  
me, for I rely on you. Psalm 25:21*

# Seek Wise Counsel

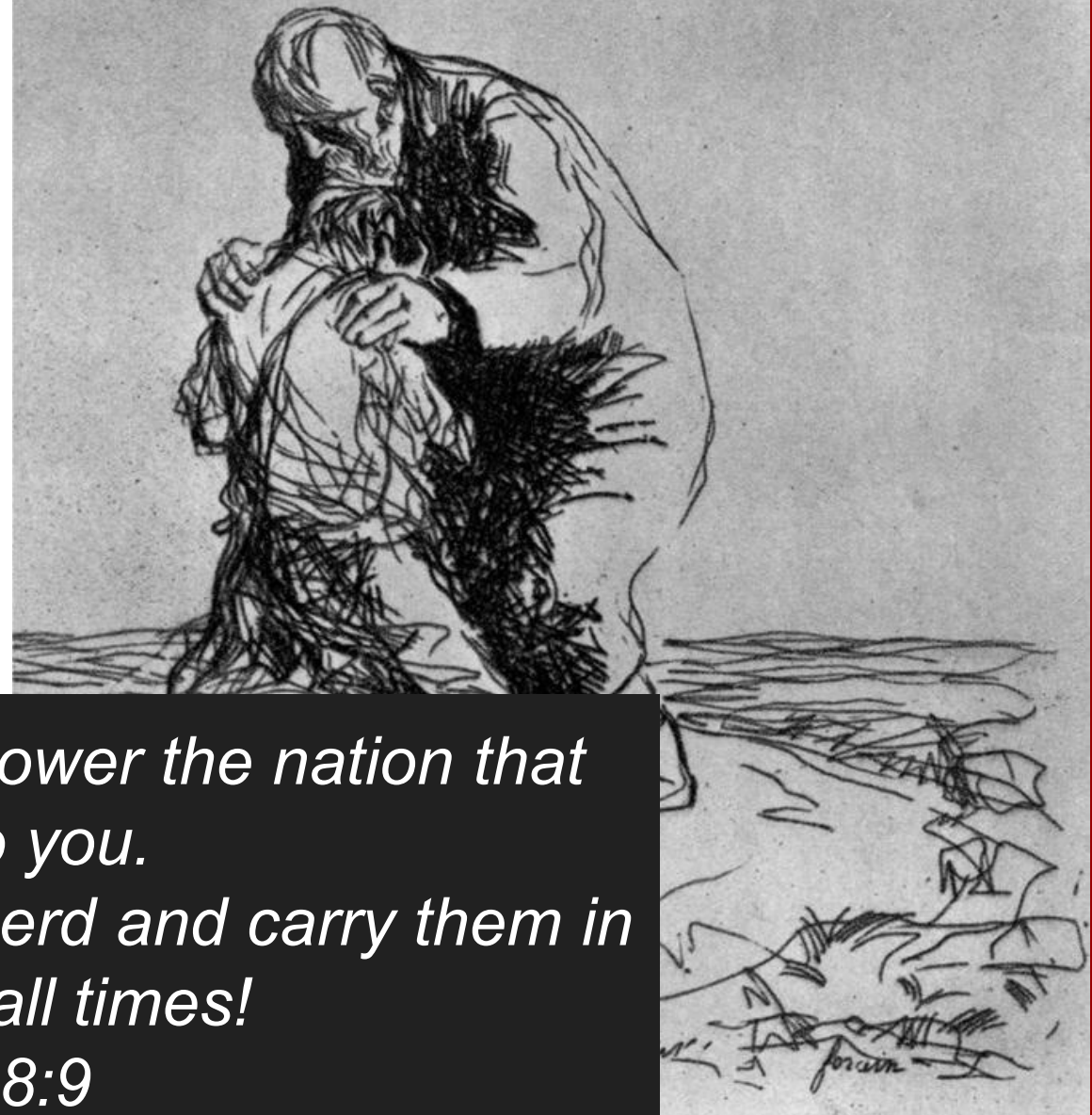


*Make me understand your ways, O Lord.  
Teach me your paths. Guide me into your truth and  
teach me. For you are the God who delivers me; on  
you I rely all day long.*

Psalm 25:3-4

# Pray for Not About

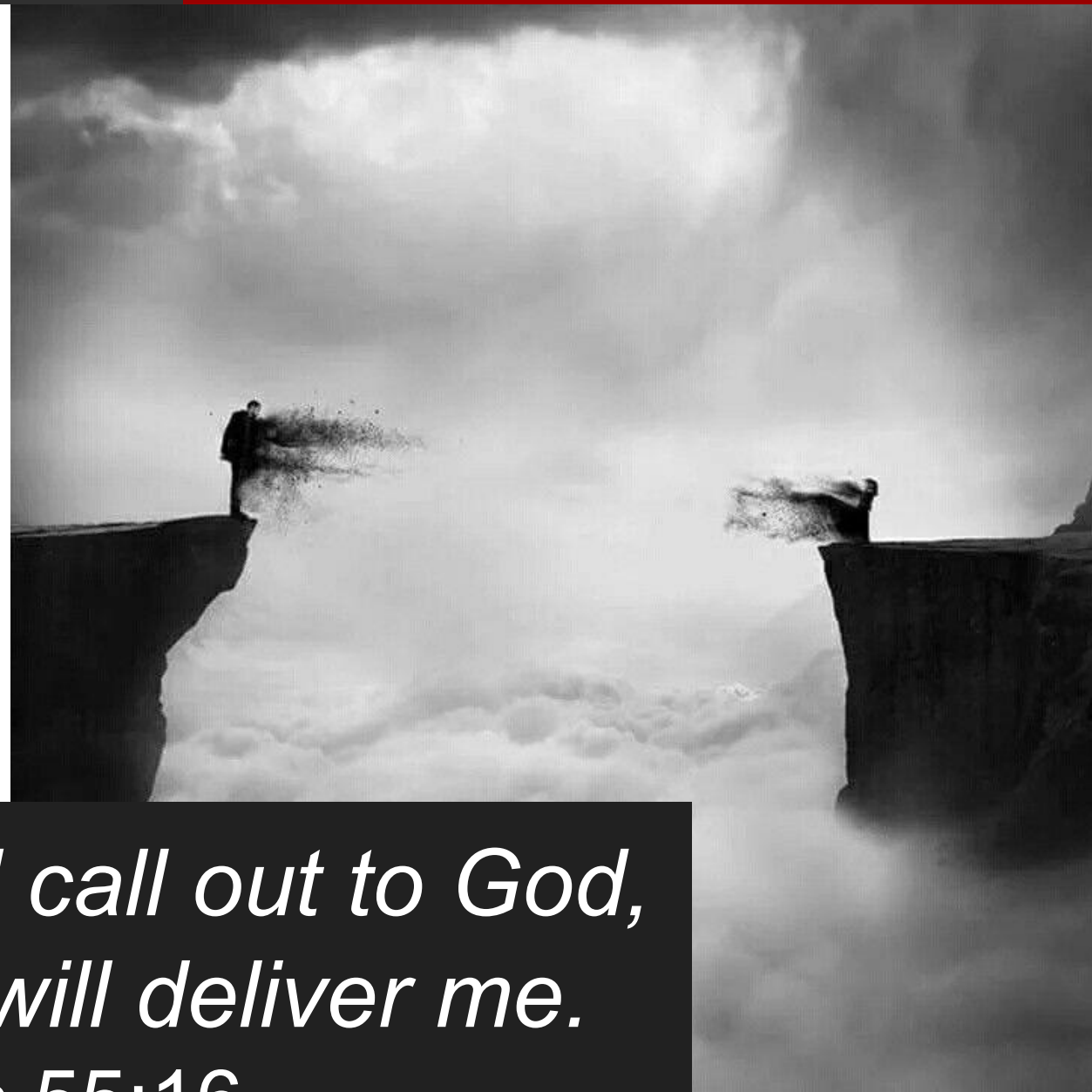
*Deliver your people. Empower the nation that  
belongs to you.  
Care for them like a shepherd and carry them in  
your arms at all times!  
Psalm 28:9*



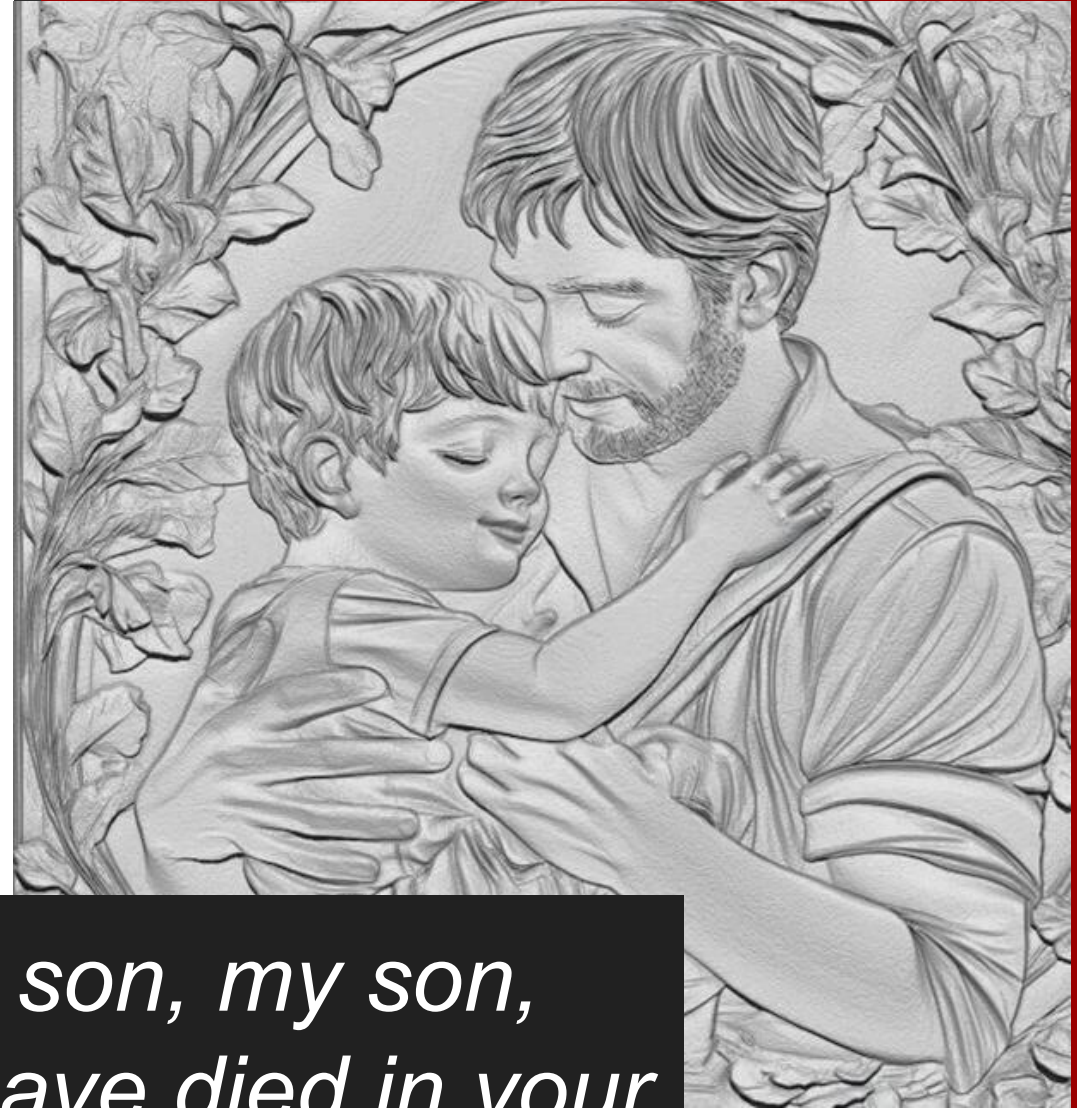
# Let God

*As for me, I will call out to God,  
and the Lord will deliver me.*

Psalm 55:16



# Love Too Much



*“My son, Absalom! My son, my son,  
Absalom! If only I could have died in your  
place! Absalom, my son, my son!”*