

1 & 2 SAMUEL

LEGENDARY

“Honoring Dead Leaders, the Righteous AND the Wicked”

INTRO: *2 Samuel begins where 1 Samuel ended, with the death of Saul. Before David could ascend to Israel’s throne, David needed to mourn the loss of the departed King. But why wouldn’t David rejoice instead?*

- I. **God raises up _____ over His people for His _____ purposes.** *Even though He ceded to the people’s misdirected request, God raised up Saul to be Israel’s first King and expected the people to respect his office and submit to his leadership.*

- II. **The death of wicked _____ could elicit _____ from their victimized _____ (1:1-16).** *Considering his pursuit of David, could people blame David if he rejoiced at Saul’s death? How should victimized Believers respond?*

- III. **Honor the death of all _____ over God’s people, even the wicked (1:17-27).** *There are several reasons why every leader deserves to be honored in death- even if their political policies while alive were less than honorable.*
 - A. _____ (1:17-20).
God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked (Ezek. 33:11).

 - B. _____ (1:21-22).
Believers are called to faithfulness in their cultural “moment.”

 - C. _____ (1:23-27).
Not only would Jonathan not have existed, but David would not have learned valuable lessons in leadership without Saul!