

The Rolling Roads Reminder

April 2023

Looking Over Jordan

When times are tough, sometimes we feel like sitting down and quitting. We may be really sad about how things have gone, and we might need motivation to continue on the mission. King David came to a place like this in his own life.

In 2 Samuel 19:5-8 Joab, David's military leader, confronted him about his public grieving for his recently killed son and enemy Absalom. Remember, Absalom had begun a rebellion in order to take the throne of David for himself. Joab told David how destructive it was to continue to grieve this way. He thought that David was doing the opposite of what he should be: he was hating those who loved him, and loving the ones who hated him! It is remarkable that Joab said "If we your commanders and all your faithful soldiers were dead and Absalom was still alive, that is what would make you truly happy." According to Joab, David's behavior was bringing shame on his entire leadership of the people. If this went on, even worse things were going to happen than the rebellion.

So David had a choice. Would he continue grieving his rebellious son, as if Absalom hadn't tried to kill him? Or would David bravely continue to lead his people through the crisis? David was pining over the situation, and was simply wishing things were different in the past. He wished Absalom could have been captured alive, and would have come back to his senses. David wanted things to be the way they were before,

perhaps when Absalom was a little boy playing innocently around the palace.

Joab knew that Absalom had chosen an evil path, and was only going to rebel again and again, and so Joab killed Absalom in the war. To Joab, this was a brave act of loyalty, love, and courage on behalf of his King David. Joab was sparing David, and all the people, the agony of a future calamity, and carrying out the justice which the rebellion demanded. But David needed to be confronted so that he could get on with leading the kingdom as he should. And he did! *So the king got up and sat in the city gate, and all the people were told: "Look, the king is sitting in the city gate."* (2 Samuel 19:8) *This was what the people and the kingdom needed. Because David got up, Absalom's rebellion was finished, and his followers all went home in fear of David the king. David did grieve the past, but he also stopped, stood up, and got on with the future.*

So when life gets you down, when things change beyond what you ever imagined, when the outlook is bleak-don't stay there. Remember that Christ has redeemed us, set us free from the corruption that is in the world, and promises a present and a future in the glorious Kingdom of God. No matter what, we can ask, what does the Kingdom of God call us to do today for the glory of the Lord?

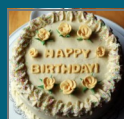
Happy because of Jesus,

Pastor James



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April
Shirley Ellington - 18th



financial report

February

Income: \$6,619

Expenses: \$7,749



Growing Towards Christ

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2 - Palm Sunday

April 7 - Good Friday

April 9 - EASTER



Entire month of April -
Food Roundup - Collect for BCH
Each Wednesday - Pastor James'
Bible study Podcast

THE HOPE OF EASTER

Christ's resurrection changed Mary from a mourner into a messenger; it changed Thomas from a doubter into a believer; it changed Peter from a denier into a preacher and it changed Paul from a persecutor into a missionary. For early Christians the Easter event became an Easter experience: a cleansing, life-changing, transforming experience!

Today, nearly 2,000 years later, that Easter event is still the greatest hope in a world of fear and confusion.

—Dr. Paul S. James

Check Out Our
New Website!

www.rollingroads.org

When children come into Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) care, it is obvious they have gone without — *without food, without love, without hope.*

One of the first ways the children learn that they are loved is when their cottage parents serve them the regular meals they could not count on before arriving. This is because their families let them down. When you can't depend on your loved ones to care for you, who do you trust?

YOU Provide NC Children Food While Pointing Them to Jesus

When you, along with other NC Baptists across the state, do and gift cards through you ensure that they meals a day plus girls. **Children's trust** girls learn that they churches and their Heavenly Father have the privilege of



other NC Baptists nate food, supplies the **FOOD ROUNDUP**, can provide three snacks to the boys and **is restored!** Boys and are loved not only by caregivers but by the whom those at BCH pointing them to.

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