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2 Samuel 3:31-36

“Thus they buried Abner in Hebron; and the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner, and all the people wept... now all the people took note of it, and it pleased him.” 2 Samuel 3: 31-36

How do you react when an enemy curses you? Do you demonstrate the nature of Jesus or does the nature of the devil manifest itself in your heart? What kind of fruit issues forth from your life – righteous or unrighteous? (James 3:9-12; Luke 6:27-28)

David wasn't playing the hypocrite. His enemy Abner had been brutally killed by one of his own men. Lesser men than David would have used this situation to their political advantage, but David acting as a “man after God's own heart”, genuinely mourns for Abner and the people can tell that his response is genuine. People know if you are merely acting, or if you are genuinely living out your faith!

People are longing for reality. They want to follow someone who has answers for the situations of life that they are facing. A man that pretends he has real answers will soon be discovered for hypocrisy has a certain smell to it!

Living our lives with honour and integrity releases God's favour into our lives. “For it is You that does bless the righteous man, O LORD. You surround him with favour as a shield.” (Psalm 5:12)

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