

Computer Generated Transcript - We've been in a series on David we took a break last week and we talked about Moses if you missed that I would really love to have you go online and listen to that message there's a variety of ways to do that you can watch it you can listen to it you can pod cast it but I would I would really encourage you because we talked about something last week that's going to be part of the fabric of our church for the coming years as we talked about growing and guiding we looked at Moses and we talked about how there was somebody in his life who was helping him grow and there was somebody in his life that he was guiding along to be more like more like God to grow in his faith and that is such an important thing for us as believers to have both of those things in operation in our life that we find people that help us grow we specifically find people that will help us grow in our relationship with God and then we we find somebody that we can help bring along that path that there's all kinds of reasons that you hear why people don't do this I'm too busy or I don't know enough yet or I just came to know Jesus but listen if you know Jesus you know more than somebody else right if you just know that one thing you know more than some of your friends and so there are people that you can help guide along in their faith journey you don't have to be a bible scholar you don't have to have a master's of divinity to teach somebody how to be more like Jesus right you just bring them along with you that's what the Bible is full of pictures like that and I want to encourage you this morning to make sure you do that if you miss that sermon Please go back and listen to it we're going to be referencing it a lot as we continue on forward but as we go back to our series on David we'll where we left David when we were out last week we talked about David and one of his great sins one of the one of the two things that we that we see David just absolutely fail miserably at in life most people think about bashing but when they think about Davidson last week we talked about the lie that David told that destroyed somebody is life that just. Royd somebody whose family that led to the death of that person's entire village David told what seemed like a simple lie and it had huge ramifications as things went on and we talked about how we talked about how most of us if we think back to the greatest regrets in our life we can tag one of four emotions with that regret we talked about how anger fear boredom and loneliness if we think about our greatest regrets we can usually probably pull one of those four emotions and think about how that emotion led us to making this huge mistake all right and so we're going to transition we're going to turn just three chapters forward we're going to be in first Samuel Chapter twenty five that was in First Samuel chapter twenty two and then into into twenty three and we're going to be in first Samuel Chapter twenty five if you don't know your Bible at all this morning first Daniel's in the New Testament it's its first and second Samuel First and Second Kings and First and Second Chronicles you can find those things in there and that can help you maybe maybe find where you're at if you've got an electronic version it's really easy you can even list those in alphabetical order you don't even have to know how how they're at what I just say I said it's in the New Testament that is not correct it is in the Old Testament but the order of the books that I said was correct First and Second Samuel First and Second Kings First and Second Chronicles all right but that is in the Old Testament which means it's toward the beginning of the book. So if you can if you want to go and look for that that's awesome I'm going to read out of New Living Translation If you use you version or Logos or some online translation and you like to look at the same the same words that I'm going to read that's where I'm going to be at but we talked about David and he made this terrible decision and then we can kind of see as time goes on and we're going to we're going to be just a short amount of time after that that David is on the cost but we're going to be talking about today is David is on the cusp cusp of making in another absolutely horrendous. This decision all right and isn't that kind of how life is right we don't usually make bad decisions in isolated events right Usually if we make a bad decision it's accompanied by several other bad decisions right if some of us might be familiar with the term downward spiral that's what that looks like right it's not one bad decision that leads us to a downward spiral it's a series of bad decisions that we make and many of us throughout our life can think of a time where we did this we made one bad decision that led to another bad decision that led to the next bad decision that went to the worst decision we made right it's this it's this spiral that we get into and we see David is right there and he is saved from this terrible decision at the very last

minute by. A woman. Usually for men if there's a bad decision talk and woman comes up it's the woman that leads us into a bad decision right I'm not saying it's their fault I'm saying like we like what we see and so we make bad decisions that's usually what happens but this time in the Bible we see David saved by a woman at the last second from one of the worst things he could have done we see that guys I don't know about you but I have experienced a lot of my life I was joking with my wife last night we were tired and so we were both tired we get a little extra sarcastic it's just kind of what we do I don't know how your marriages work but that's kind of how we roll and so we were talking and she was given me a zinger I can remember what she said but I'm like I'm taking my compliment out of the sermon tomorrow but I'm going to I'm going to leave it in when I'm going to compliment her today I have been saved from multiple horrendous decisions by my wife and I am so very thankful for the woman that God placed in my life that she has kept me from making terrible decisions on my. All to pull occasions and I would like to think that I am not alone here right guys you married man I would like to think that many of us would look at our spouse that way and say Thank God for the fact that she has been in my life to to keep me from doing that and David has this moment where he is on the brink of a horrible decision and he is saved from that by the wisdom found in a woman so let's talk about the golden rule for a second before we dive into scripture right the golden rule is Do unto others as. You Would Have Them Do Unto You right it's the golden rule most of us at some point in time in school or church or Sunday so you know somewhere along the way we've picked up on this side idea that we do unto others as we would have them do unto us and that is a really nice saying right it's really and it's not wrong but it's really easy to live that out as long as things are going good but as soon as somebody mistreats you. That becomes a lot harder to follow right if soon as were mistreated the golden rule in our mind usually becomes Do unto others as they have done unto you. Right maybe it's just me maybe I'm the only one that struggles with that you know I'm not I'm the only one in this room that struggles with that but we take that golden rule and we kind of stand it on its head it goes from Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You To Do you want to others as they have done to you right and we act that way and listen that is very old testament do unto others as they have done unto you is a very old testament an eye for an eye a tooth for a tooth right that is very much a part of the Old Testament law and that is going to play into what we're talking about today but as as as new covenant believers as P.S. New Testament believers followers of Jesus it is not OK for us to do unto others as they have done to us we do want to others as we would have them do on. It sounds like scripture right because it pretty much is so little context as we dive into this happened about a thousand B.C. OK if you timeline back to the to the life of David this has been about a thousand B.C. which means it's about three thousand years ago that this happens All right David is not king yet he's on the run OK He's been on the scene he's very famous right he came onto the scene in a major way by killing the champion named Goliath with the sling he dug that we talked about that a couple weeks ago about how David did not win that fight and the whole fight if we if we think about that story as David running onto the field and killing Goliath and we have missed the entire point of that story David ran onto that field and God killed Goliath All right David was the instrument but God was what happened that's the only way to look at that there is no way that that story happens that way without God He is famous but he's been brought into sol's family right he's SOL son in law now King Saul he's married to one of his daughters but solace ticked with David he's Saul is always kind of a jealous king if you look through those things he's an insecure King and so David's on the run for his life he's a fugitive they're hunting him all throughout Israel and and he is living off the land and that's where we pick up OK that's where we see First Samuel Chapter twenty five OK we're going to start in verse two First Samuel Chapter twenty five Verse two says there was a wealthy man for a man who owned property near the town of Carmel he had three thousand sheep and one thousand goats and it was sheep shearing time I know that that doesn't mean much to us in America right three thousand sheep in a thousand goats big deal doods rich OK that's what they're saying in the Old Testament three thousand sheep and a thousand goats this guy is well theat OK he has a lot of money a lot of trade power. By having phlox this this this large verse three The man's name was no ball and his wife Abigail was a sensible and

beautiful woman I love how they put that in their right I mean like she sensible and she's not hard on the guys I mean that's why I just I love those kind of details in the Bible and that comes into play a little bit later all right but no ball a descendant of Caleb was crude and mean in all of his dealings with the balls name actually means Fool OK if you translate his name that's literally what it means is fool How would you like to have that name growing up right what's your name I'm a fool yeah. What's your name I'm moron right I mean like that's that's what his name like with these names mean something to us but for them it's just the word that means it right I mean that's how you introduce yourself to all your friends I'm fool. And that's that's what he's had his entire life first for when David heard that no ball was shearing a sheep he sent ten of his young men to Carmel with this message for no ball real quick here sheep shearing time it's paycheck time OK sheep shearing time is when you find out how rich you are right as a as a sheep owner as somebody who owns all these animals this is usually a festival time this is when you find out just how much money you have for this year it's like harvest for a farmer now right most farmers only get paid once a year right when they turn all their grain in at the elevator it's kind of how it works ranchers it's the same way when they're selling at the beginning when they're selling calves or maybe twice if they sell for slaughter later in the year after they've grown but there's not a lot of paychecks that come for a sheep a sheep owner right a shepherd they get paid during sheep shearing time it's usually a huge festival it's usually a result it's a party right they've got more money at that point in time during the year than they will for the whole rest of the year OK And so it's a. Party. Verse six peace and prosperity to you your family and everything you own I am told that it is sheep shearing time of course David already knows that he lives there right while your shepherd stayed among us near Carmel we never harmed them and nothing was ever stolen from them listen now you don't have to be smart to hear what David is saying part of your profit is because of us. Right David is saying that part of what you're bringing home right now is because of us wait we were all around them we could've taken what we wanted to take we could've done anything we wanted to do we're we're all we know if you keep on looking there's six hundred armed soldiers with them versus a couple of shepherds if David one of those sheep you could take him. OK But so he says part of the reason that you're having such a great prophet is because of us verse eight he goes on to hear Ask your own men and they will tell you this is true so would you be kind to us since we have come at a time of celebration please share any provisions you might have on hand with us and with your friend David David's young man gave this message to Nepal in David's name and they waited for a reply since we were good to you Will you be good to us he's not saying we're demanding everything you own he's just saying hey we were good to you in the woods we were good to your people you you are experiencing plenty because we were good so because we were good we were turning kindness for kindness right we were really nice to your guys we really helped take care of them. Can you return the favor. Seems like a fairly simple request right for most of us we would think oh yeah that makes a little bit of sense. First then. Who is. Is this fellow DAVID NOBLE knows who David is right I mean David is famous he knows who he is this question is not oh I've never heard of this guy before this is like who does this guy think he is OK Who is this fellow David no ball sneered to the young men who does this son of Jesse think he is. He's saying he's not from the right family. OK he's insulting his dad and his entire family who does this son of Jesse think he is but he's not from I guess I am rich because I'm from the right family the son of Jesse what a punk. His dad was a punk grandpas a punk he's a punk. What are you saying Who does this son of how would you like to have your name used by your friends or your kids' friends as basically like a curse word right that's that's what's happening right here OK. There are lots of servants these days who run away from their masters should I take my bread and my water and my meat that I've slaughtered for my shears and give it to a band of outlaws who come from who knows where. These are rough eons they're valuable we don't we don't even know what their history is what a waste of my resources to give to this group of no goods. That's his response David is paid kindness his response is. What a punk How dare he even ask me never been there but in David's shoes. When you did something that you thought was nice for somebody and all you got back was to stay. Right a lot of times we just read through this stuff and

we forget that these are real people with real emotions and experienced real frustrations and real anger and had to walk through all of these things. What do I owe these no good is what he's saying Why take from my money. First well. So they have it's young men returned and told him when the ball hits that. This is what would be happening at the. Last. You're hearing. That good is about. Good timing. Verse thirteen. Get your sorts. Was David's reply as he strapped on his own. We're not given a lot of detail between our last story and this one what we've got from our last story is David is carrying Goliath sword. We don't know if that's still the one he's got but he tells us man no ball insults him in return for kindness. And David says boys. Here we go. OK that's what happens I mean this is not kind words coming from David get your swords as he's strapping on his own. Then four hundred men started off with David and two hundred remain behind to go there clemency six hundred that's pretty simple math most of the even I can do that. Really I'm going to read into the story here for just a second I think David is just worn out. Honestly if I look at this and I try and put myself in his position I think David is just tired. David David was Saul's son in law he was Saul's he was the chief of Saul's body guard he kind of got use probably to being. Person that had the stuff had some things right and now he's on the run for his life it's been probably about five years or so that he's been on the lam right on the run. It's been living off the land he's been working and I think David just spent. I don't think David right after Goliath would respond this way to an insult. But this insult when David is already exhausted and he's just kind of tired of how life is going what seems to be what breaks the camel's back never been there right where something that you know you know you're over reacting like you can convince yourself that you're overreacting but you can't stop the overreacting because you're just done. Right you're just tired you're spent you're exhausted whatever it may be and you know it you know this is not this big a deal but you just can't stop. I really see this in David this is me reading into it again this is not you can't say absolutely that that's what happened is happening on this is my opinion and I want to make that clear OK but as I look at the story this is what I see from the character of David a man who's just tired a man who's just out of gas and he gets insulted after doing something kind and these just done. Get your sorts Let's go. David does not deserve what is happening to him. We'll see in a little bit that David is going to be justifying what he's about to do we're actually given words that David is saying to himself as he's writing down David knows probably isn't the best move he's trying to talk himself into it though ever been there right that's usually the first sign that what you're doing isn't good because you know it's not good but you're going to talk yourself into it anyway right. Ever but that's David and we're going to see that in just a moment all right but fortunately for David. Abigail. Fortunately for David this is not how this story stops. Fortunately for David Abigail verse fourteen. Meanwhile one of not all servants went to Abigail and told her David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master. But he screamed insults at them these men have been very good to us and we never suffered any harm from them nothing was stolen from us the whole time they were with us in fact day and night they were like a wall of protection to us in the sheep so he says it's not only that they didn't take anything day and night they protected us they protected our flocks they protected us personally day and night David's men were actively involved in keeping us safe and our master just insulted them for it OK. Verse seventeen you need to know this and figure out what to do for there is going to be trouble for our master and his whole family he is so ill tempered some of your translations might say wicked and no one can even talk to him. Verse eighteen Abigail wasted no time. She quickly gathered two hundred loaves of bread we got all these details right here to wine skins full of wine five sheep that had been slaughtered nearly a bushel of roasted grain that's like sixty pounds one hundred clusters of raisins and twenty fifth two hundred fig cakes she packed them on donkeys and said to her servants go on ahead I will follow you shortly but she didn't tell her husband of all what she was doing. Normally I would say this is really bad advice. But when your husband is bent on having your whole family killed maybe this makes some sense. And she's riding her donkey into the mountain ravine she saw David and his men come. Toward or she's riding out from her home in the general direction of where David isn't and she sees him coming David's army is big enough to where she sees them coming you know there's riding information maybe maybe they're sneaking down this

ravine but she sees an army coming toward her she sees four hundred men armed for war coming toward her home. OK you know understand that's scary. OK this is a sick Gary moment. To see this war party coming toward are. We when we see David here I talk to you about it this is just a second ago David's talking to himself he's gear him self up ready here we go twenty one David had just been saying a lot of good it did to help this fellow we protected his flocks in the wilderness and nothing he owned was lost or stolen but he is repaid me evil for good may God strike me and kill me if even one man of his household is still alive tomorrow morning. You can't read that in any nice kind of way Dave is not like yeah maybe we'll go there we'll just give him a high five after all. They've it is bent on destruction and he's talking to myself into it the hear it. He's working on justifying what he knows is not the right response he's going to do it. Verse twenty three. When Abigail saw David she quickly got off her donkey and bowed low before him. I want you to hear this in no way as a response to the culture Abigail is the woman of a wealthy landowner David is a fugitive. Abigail is a smart woman however. She plays they have it a little bit here in the best possible way. OK she comes and she bowed down before him and then she begins to speak to him and this is something amazing OK This lady is so smart for a while she spends as she says she spends a lot of time talking about who David was just a moment she should recall she helps David remember who he was in the past and then she speaks toward who she knows he could be. OK is such a wise thing I mean she she is such a wise woman in all of this things she speaks to David's potential OK first twenty four she fell at his feet and said I accept all the blame in this matter my lord please listen to what I have to say I know no ball is wicked in an ill tempered man please don't pay any attention to him. Right that's awesome OK Don't pay any attention to my husband his name fits. OK. He is a full justice is name suggests but I never even saw the young man you sent verse twenty six now my lord as surely as the Lord lives and you yourself live since the Lord has kept you from murdering and taking vengeance in your own hands has not happened yet. Let all your enemies and those who try to harm you will be as cursed as no ball is getting real. And here is a present that I your servant have brought to you and your young men please forgive me if I have offended you in any way the Lord will surely reward you with a lasting dynasty. David's not Kenya. They means a fugitive from the king. And this lady is talking about the lasting dynasty. Of this fugitive. She's speaking to his future. She's wisely talking to him about what God will have for him for you are fighting. The Lord's battles. Slaughtering the ball's family one of the Lord's battles. Probably not so much. Just reminding him what he's supposed to be doing you have not done wrong throughout your entire life this is flattery at its finest because this is not true. Right we know we just talked about how David just messed up a couple of shots a couple of chapters ago but she's just talking to him she's speaking to move you've not done wrong throughout your entire life even when you are chased by those who seek to kill you your life is safe in the care of the Lord your God secure in his treasure powers verse twenty nine this is a cool thing that she just says to him. The word that I mean we the best word we have an English we don't talk about treasure pouches very often right I mean that's not a bad translation it's a good one but the best way that we would have to translate that just into modern English is the Lord has you secure in his wallet. That he were bound up and secure in his wallet listen David's on the run for his life right David is a fugitive and she's talking about how security is it's so secure no one can say right I've ever been him big busy airport or you've been in a community where you felt a little weird What's the first thing you're trying to protect. Your wallet right like if somebody we each is in and takes a few bucks out of your pocket you can deal with that but your wallet got your license and your cards and most your money if you're in an airport your passport probably right next to it right I mean you're taking care of your wallet right I've seen some of you guys talk about how when you drop your wallet into the lake either through the ice or. Or just off the boat you've gone in after it. Because it's a valuable and you want to protect what's inside and that's how she's saying that David is he's protected in the wallet of God. But the lives of your enemies will disappear like stones shot from a sling. I think those words were accidental. What's David most famous for. Killing Goliath. With stones from a sling. She's helping him remember a time when he's trusting God she's looking back and saying this is who you really are David. Says so powerful verse thirty when the Lord has done all he has promised and

he has made you leader of Israel don't let this blemish don't let this be a blemish on your record then your conscience will have to bear the staggering burden of needless bloodshed and vengeance and when the Lord has done these great things for you please remember me your servant if you sing David this moments about to be remembered whatever you do here whatever you decide it's going to be a story. How do you want to be remembered. What you're about to do some day is going to be a story you tell your kids or people will tell about you. How do you want to be remembered right can we relate to that we're all making decisions every day that become a story right one of my favorite things about the wild game feed is sitting around listening to people tell their hunting stories and I know that most of you are liars OK and your stories are I'm just joking but. Fishing and hunting stories tend to get a little bigger the longer they go on right. They have it is it is she's. Call him David Alger you are going to be remembered for what's about to happen this is going to be a story someday how do you want people to remember it and that's honestly a question a lot of us need to ask about ourselves. We're making decisions every day that some day will be a story. What story do you want told. What story is it that you want told. David comes to his senses. Because of the wisdom of Abigail. The light bulb comes on for David. Verse thirty two David replied Abigail praise the Lord the God of Israel who was sent to you to meet me today thank God for your good sense he doesn't say Thank God he finally got through to me I'm so wise. Thank God Abigail for your wisdom thank God Abigail for your good sense. Bless you for keeping me from murder and from carrying out vengeance with my own hand for I swear by the Lord the God of Israel who has kept me from hurting you and if you had not hurried out to meet me not one of the balls men would be alive tomorrow morning. Then David accepted our president told to return home in peace I have heard what you said we will not kill your husband. I'm not going to do it is what he's saying watch watch this year though OK this is why I believe the Bible is a made up because things like this are just laughable to me and if it wasn't real then people would write this kind of stuff down. Verse thirty six one of the reasons when Abigail arrived home she found that a ball was throwing a big party and was celebrating like a king the fool doesn't even know what's coming at him. OK. Doesn't even know what's coming he was very drunk. So she didn't tell him anything about her meeting with David until dawn the next day right she looks at me like he's drunk doesn't have a clue what's going on this can wait till morning. It's a good move. We're thirty seven in the morning when the ball was sober. His wife told him what had happened as a result he had a stroke. And he lay paralyzed on his bed like a stone about ten days later the Lord struck him and he died. The Fool paid the price of this foolishness listen this is a big deal. But then maybe my favorite part of the whole story OK verse thirty nine when David heard the ball was dead he said Praise the Lord. Who was avenge the insult I received from the ball and it's kept me from doing it myself like David then says God got my back. The ball has received the punishment for sin and then the absolute best then David sent messengers to Abigail to ask her to become his wife. This lady has got some going on and I want to be around it. Right I mean it's just such an awesome moment in Scripture. Abigail gets on her donkey and she rides a David and says You betcha. And they get married all right now again I do want to say that Abigail becomes one of I think David seven wives and that's crowded OK we're going to keep talking about that as time goes on there are not a lot of good that happens from having seven wives. It's not a real good move there but but she she has a we have three characters in this story though but we only have one hero. Right we have no ball who lives up to his name and he's a fool he's just a fool. And then we have David. Who's going to get even. A lot of us have been. There a lot of us can relate to David that way. And we're going to get ours because somebody messed with us. And we have Abigail She's a remarkable one in this story she's the one that kept her head she's the one that used wisdom she's the one that kept David from doing something absolutely horrendous. Because she was able to think clearly. Old Covenant I fry is the norm OK David coming out of all you don't see David having to talk his men into this get your swords Let's go they're on board doesn't have to give the big King's speech at the end of a movie to get a morality to go and do this they grab their swords and they go. It's normal Abigail is a foul was in years ahead of her time. Abigail is living in the Old Covenant. But she's walking in the new. Abigail response like Jesus said when he said if somebody

slaps you turn the other cheek. He doesn't say good even that's hard to do. Right Jesus said If somebody asks you to carry their burdens go the extra mile and that's kind of become a pithy saying that we talk about all the time but what that is saying is a Roman soldier literally had the legal right to demand a Jew to carry their stuff for a mile they could demand that legally for them to carry it a mile. And Jesus is saying don't just carry at the mile that's demanded of you go an extra one. OK that's what it that's Jesus That's Abigail acting like Christ and this is such a big deal for us because it is very hard to live out practically. Turn the other cheek. It is very hard to live out practically. Carrie at the extra mile. That is a very difficult practice so I have a couple of questions for you as we close a cell. In your life when good or particularly hard things come what story do you want told. We're all making decisions every day. And when really good things happen sometimes. We'll make a bad decision out of pride and when really hard things happen sometimes we'll make a bad decision and desperation. What story do you want told. As you look at whatever you're about to decide when you are right in this moment today and you are going to be making decisions today that are going to become stories as time goes on. What story do you want told. How do you want people to look back at this moment in your life and remember it. The other thing I want to ask is is just pretty simple OK. What would it look like in your circumstances right now to return good for evil. In your work and your family you know the dynamic between a parent and child friendship whatever financial situation maybe you got a business partner there is something going on in your life and somebody has. So much been evil towards you. What would it look like. In your circumstances right now. To return. Good for evil listen. This is a chance for you to be like Jesus there is maybe nothing else that we can do on Earth that demonstrates who Jesus is better than returning good for evil. To understand it is divine to be able to do that it is not human it doesn't make any sense in the flesh and humanity to return good for evil. A lot of us in this thing we do nothing. In the face of evil. Right we don't give evil what it was what it deserves we see evil somebody does evil to us and we just we let it ride and walk away that's a mercy. OK to not return evil for you just let it be that's a mercy. Aren't you glad that Jesus didn't stop at Mercy. Jesus saw that there was something needed in our lives for him to do nothing to stay in heaven that would have been mercy. But that's not where he stopped. For you to extend the blessing in the face of harm in the face of evil that's Grace. And that's where Jesus went he did not stop at blessing he did or I mean he did not stop. At mercy we did not deserve Jesus on the cross we deserved according to scripture not my opinion according to Scripture death. And Jesus chose to die in our place that is Grace. And when we return good for evil that's what extending grace really looks like. That's what offering grace to somebody else really looks like that is hard. I'm not going to stand up here and say hey. No problem. This is no big deal you guys all stink at this and I'm awesome at it. Because that would be an absolute lie. But what I can't escape is when I read the Bible that as a follower of Jesus this is what is asked of me. When I read the Bible for what it is and when I read the Bible for what it says As a follower of Jesus I am not called to repay evil for good and I'm not called to replace evil for nothing. I am Rick I'm called to repay good no matter what comes my way to extend grace even when people don't deserve it you can't extend grace to people who deserve it that's not a thing. What we're called to be. This is what being more like Jesus is one of the ways that that really shows up in the life. Of a follower of Jesus. Here's what we're going to do today I'm going to change it up a little bit usually we have a time here where we ask everybody and I'm just going to I'm going to do something a little different this morning I want you here for me. That Jesus we talked about during communion we've been talking about and refer referencing it this whole time Jesus came to this earth and he lived as a man two thousand years ago. He died for you when you didn't deserve it he offered you grace but that's not where the story ended Jesus predicted he would die but he also predicted that he would rise from the dead. And he did that too. And if he can conquer death what can he do for you it's easy to become a follower of Jesus when you hear me talking about this it's easy the Bible says we acknowledge were sinners believe in Jesus we confess our sins to Him If you have not done that this morning and you want to I want you to come and find me at the end of the service. OK I want you to come from if you are too nervous to find me then talk to the person that brought you this morning and ask them to lead you in

a prayer. Tell somebody about it it's a big deal. Such an awesome thing but this is how. In the service I'm asking Manny to come up sit at the piano and play that song it's kind of. Chris introduce that song two weeks ago and it's from the Psalms you are good and I just I love kind of how it ties in so much of what's going on in David's life I'm not going to ask you to sing it this morning I just want to play. I mean I am going to ask you to be singing and just saying I'm not going to ask you sing I'm going to pray for you and if you need to go that's that's cool. But there are those of you in this room today that I know beyond a shadow of a doubt. Are facing a decision this morning that's going to become a story. And you know beyond a shadow of a doubt. That if you don't do something different than you intended when you woke up this morning it is going to be the wrong kind of story. And I want to encourage you to come and pray. And there are those of you who hear this morning who are hurt. Because somebody has done evil to you. And your natural inclination is to get even or to just try and do nothing. And listen this is hard this is something you will not be able to do without God. But you know this morning you need to come to this altar you know pray that God would help you show grace. Because we're not capable of it on our own. We're not this is a divine thing. But you know this morning I don't have to say anything else somebody's face popped into your mind as soon as I started saying it. Something needs to shift. And courage to come pray. All right. So right I'm going to pray and if you need to go go please keep your conversation out to a four year when they build this building they built it with a big old foyer just for stuff. At this so you've got a lot some room to go out there and talk. But if you're in this place and you need to do some business with Jesus don't cheat yourself. Come to this altar come to this space and pray through this stuff. Will be the best decision you make today God I thank you for your work. It's not always easy to follow as a matter of fact a lot of times it's hard. But it's always right. And it's always for our good. So God This morning I ask that you speak to us where there are areas that we need to make them right. Speak grace. God for those who are making major decisions today and they're not planning on making a good one. Intervene. Helping the companies. Offer that to you let this be an Abigail moment for them. Jesus help us to be more like you. We trust you. A man you need to go you can go to come and pray let's pray have a great day.