

HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN



I SAMUEL 1:17-27

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II. We need to honor the fallen even if they chose to be our enemies (v.22-24).



- **How should David have treated King Saul's memory?**
- **How should we share our memories of past enemies who hated us?**
- **Who is helped when we honor their lives and sacrifice?**

III. We need to honor our loved ones (v.25-26).



- How does it help us to call painful memories to mind after loved ones are gone?
- What can you do today and this week to honor those you have loved?

IV. We need to work towards the end of war (v.27).



- How is this superior to the attitude to revenge?
- What is the best thing we can do to stop war? (Acts 9:1-19)

**V. We need to enter the battle to which we have been called
(Ephesians 6:12).**



- **To what battle are we not called?**
- **How can we better fight the battle to which we are called?**

Call to Action: To honor those who have sacrificed their lives to bless ours.



- How are we honoring those who have sacrificed their lives to bless ours?
- How are we honoring those who have provided us with opportunities to learn patience?
- How diligently are we honoring fallen believers?
- How will our lives this week advance the cause for which they lived and died?

-How can we help?