

## Welcome to



**30 NOV  
2025**

*"Do you see the one the LORD has chosen? There is no one like him...  
Long live the king!" 1 Samuel 10:24*

### **TODAY'S SONGS**

Behold Our God  
How Great Thou Art  
My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness  
In Christ Alone  
There Is A Fountain

**BIBLE READING** – 1 Samuel 29-30 (pg 259)

**SERMON** – 1 Samuel 31 (pg 261) | Martin Smith

### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Praise God for His work of grace in Fredy's life and for its public announcement today through baptism.
- Praise God for Sylvia, Lawrence, and Vithya (Fredy's wife) who with Fredy will be formally welcomed into our church family around the communion table next week.
- Pray that God would help us to continually put our Saul-like pride to death at the cross of Christ.
- Pray that we would never cease to wonder in worship that our rescue came through Jesus' death.

### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

1. As we finish 1 Samuel today, take time to note down:
  - a) Some of the big lessons God has taught you from this book.
  - b) Some ways you hope this book will change how you follow Christ.
2. In what ways has the story of Saul a) exposed us and b) warned us?
3. The death of King Saul was good news for his enemies and spread far and wide in vs 8-10. How can you share the good news of the death of King Jesus with his enemies this month?
4. Those who have enjoyed the King's rescue honour him in vs 11-13. In what ways can we honour and remember our Saviour?

## Fredy's Testimony

### SPACE FOR YOUR NOTES ON 1 SAMUEL 31

*"I was born to Christian parents. My mother was baptised as an adult; she is from a Pentecostal church. My father is an Anglican. Both my grandparents are also Christians. My father passed away in 2014, due to chronic disease.*

*I was baptised as a child and grew up going to church every Sunday and learning about Jesus every time. We had Sunday school every Sunday after service. I studied in a Christian school and attended Christian Union.*

*I have been through so many struggles since my childhood and have lost so many friends and relatives because of war. We have been through so much bombing, shelling, and gunfire. It is by God's grace I've been saved by God through all of this. But my biggest need was to be saved from sin. Jesus died for my sins and through Him I have eternal life.*

*When I moved to Hawick with my family, I was searching for a church. I wanted to go to a church where I could move closer to God, and I also wanted my kids to learn to live in a Christian way. One day, when I met Kirsty at the joint town service at the Volunteer Park, she said that her church had Sunday school. That led me to find Hawick Baptist Church. The sermons lasted about 35 minutes and preached what the Bible says, and the members came to the service as a family. I decided to come to the service every Sunday. I have now been coming to the services here for more than two years.*

*When my wife and I decided to become members of the church, we went through membership classes. During these classes, I found out that I had missed something in my way of living as a Christian. Although I was baptised as a child, I've realised that I have to be baptised as a believer to proclaim my faith in Jesus. I intend to live the rest of my life obeying Him and serving the church and the community where I live. Tell other people who don't believe in one God the miracles that happened to me and the way that God saved me and my family through many difficult times."*