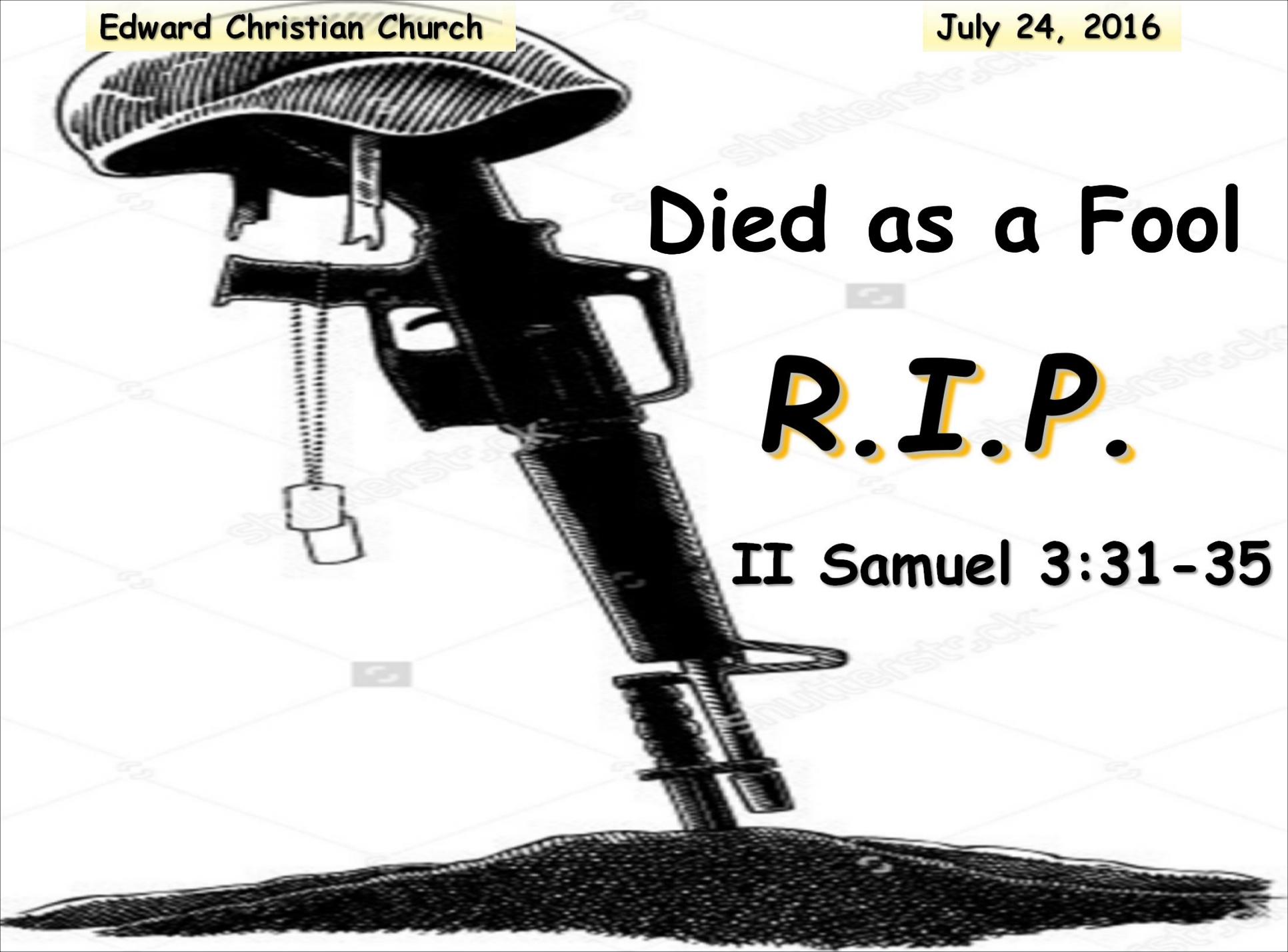


**Died as a Fool**

**R.I.P.**

**II Samuel 3:31-35**





**Abner**



**Joab**

**Story Starts with Divided Kingdom**  
**Israel = King Ish-bo-sheth**  
**Judah = King David**

**Israel = General Abner**

- **Mighty Man of God...**
  - ...Great Swordsman -Valor –Dignity**
  - ...Sought to Please God**

**Judah = General Joab**

- **Arrogant -One Sided –Deceitful**
  - ...Sought to Please Self**

# Abner



## Destined to Change History But...

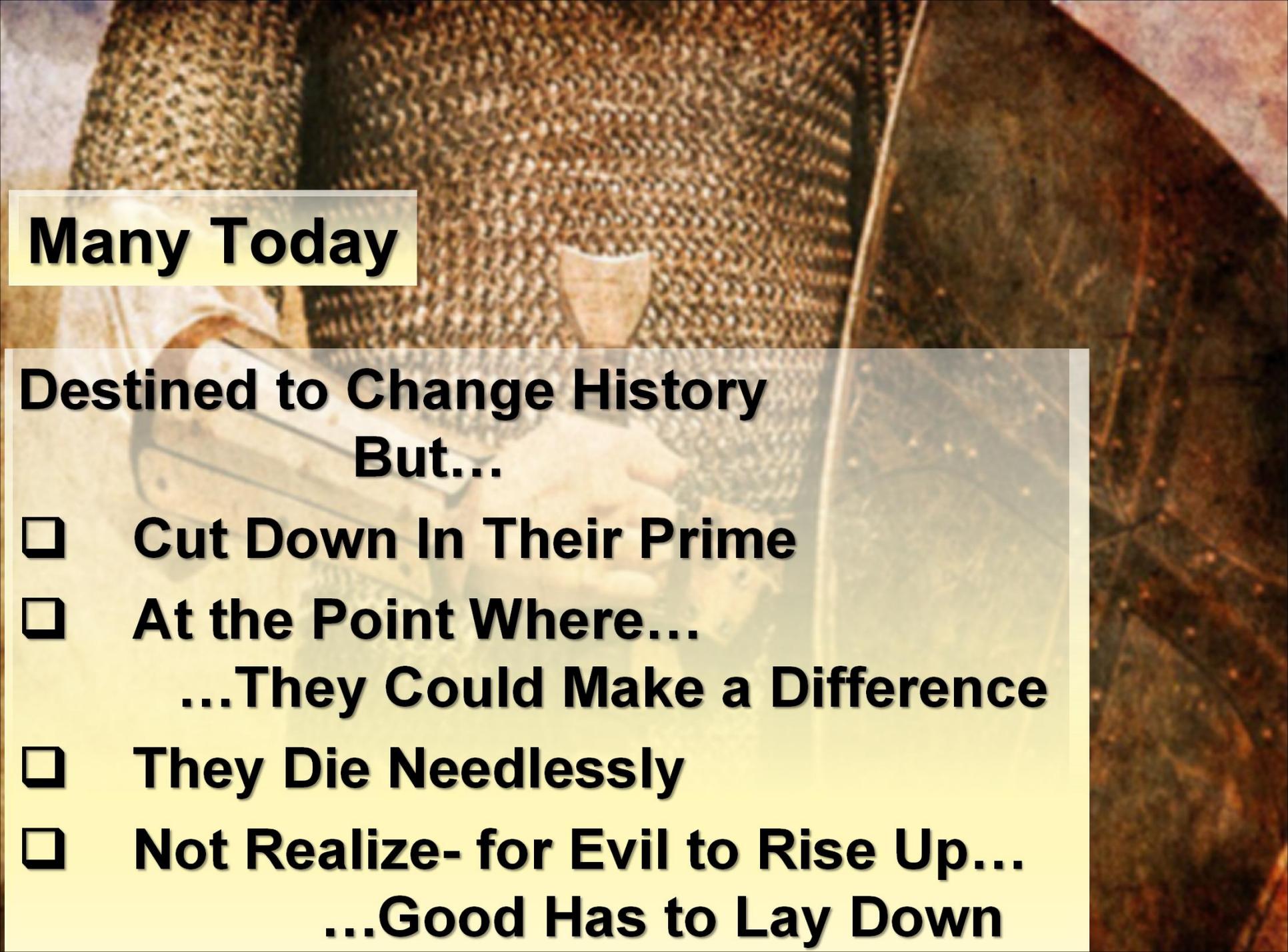
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- At the Point Where...  
...He Could Make a Difference
- He Dies Needlessly
- In Order for Evil to Rise Up...  
...Good Has to Lay Down



## Abner

**(33)** *“the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth?”*

- David was Not Cutting Him Down...
- This was a Needless Death!
- **Fool= *in Vain, Needless, Useless*  
...Serves No Purpose  
Esp for God’s Kingdom**



## **Many Today**

### **Destined to Change History But...**

- Cut Down In Their Prime**
- At the Point Where...**  
**...They Could Make a Difference**
- They Die Needlessly**
- Not Realize- for Evil to Rise Up...**  
**...Good Has to Lay Down**



**Many Today**

**They Die Needlessly...**

- **Physically**
  - **Emotionally**
  - **Spiritually**
- Their Heart Stops Beating**
- **Dream Dies Within Them**

# Accepted an Unauthorized Letter (26)

Attention: Rev: Dr Idris Kone

Director of Foreign Operations/ Remittance

(26) *“Joab...sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David knew it not...”*

...**“No Seal”**

**Abner Should Have Known Better-**

- Emotion-Based Decision**
- No Seal - David Knew Not!**
- Too Eager to See God Move...**

**...that He Moved Ahead of God!**

- Always Check God’s Expressed Will!**

**His Word!**

# Accepted an Unauthorized Letter (26)

**2 Tim 4:3**, *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap...themselves teachers, having itching ears”*

## **Power w/ Out Responsibility, Accountability**

- Amos 8:11**, *“famine in the land...for Word”*
- Romans 10:17**, *“Faith cometh by hearing....”*
- Heb. 11:1**, *“Now faith is....  
...Evidence(title deed)..”*

**Always Examine the Title Deed!!!**

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LEGE  


# Met in Unauthorized Meeting Place (27)

(27) *“when Abner returned to Hebron, Joab took ...**aside** in the **gate** to speak with him quietly”*

## Hebron **“City of Refuge”**

- Outside Anything Goes!
- Inside No Weapons
- Place of Peace/ Shelter/ Safety

# Hebron Symbol of Church

**There is No Other Place Like It..  
It Is a Place of...**

- Refuge**
- Community**
- Fellowship**
- Discipleship**

soul

# Met in Unauthorized Meeting Place (27)

Too Many Meet On.....

...Own Ground

...His Ground

...*Always Loose!*

- Devil Can't Get In - *Must Be Blood Bought*
- He Can Attack but - *He Can't Destroy!*

Matt. 16:18, "*upon Rock..Gates of Hell Shall Not ..*"

- the Church.....**Battered/ Worn –**  
...**Not Perfect - But Not Going Down!!**

place of refuge for the soul

# Gave into Unauthorized Surrender (27)



**Don't turn the Church Over to the Enemy!!!!**

**Get Back Up!**

**Back Up to His...**

- **Word**
- **Church**
- **Strength**

**SOMETIMES**  
**YOU HAVE TO GET KNOCKED DOWN**  
**LOWER THAN YOU'VE EVER BEEN,**  
**TO STAND UP TALLER THAN YOU**  
**EVER WERE.**

*My Dear Valentine*



A 3D-rendered red heart with several cracks, set against a blurred background of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water.

Let every heartbreak  
And every scar  
Be a picture that reminds you  
Who has carried you this far

**No Surrender !**