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1. It’s natural to _____ the death of leaders, friends, and acquaintances.

2 Samuel 1:11-12 – *Then David took hold of his clothes and tore them, and so did all the men who were with him. And they mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son and for the people of the Lord and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.*

2. God’s people need to _____ of Him to discover His good, acceptable, and perfect will.

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3. It’s unwise to _____ God’s precepts, promises, and principles.

2 Samuel 6:3 – *And they carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab...*

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nurse took him up and fled, and as she fled in her haste, he fell and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.

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5. Spiritual leaders need to live by the _____ and their _____.

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