I. Slide #1 Announcements:
A. Slide #2 November is Adoption Awareness Month & today is Orphan Sunday.
   1. A few stats:
      2. There are 15 million orphans worldwide that have lost both parents.
      3. There are 164 million single parent orphans worldwide. (more than the population of Russia)
      4. There are 423,000 children in the Foster Care system in U.S.
         a) If 1% of the populations of every Christian church body would foster and/or adopt w/in our U.S. Foster system, then every at risk child would be placed!
   5. Slide #3 Balloons: 25,000 children that age out of the foster care system each year in just the U.S. (age 18), many w/no support system & little to no life skills.
      a) These 68 balloons represent the 68 kids who will age out...just today!
B. Celebrate & pray for:
   1. Stand...Those who have now, or have fostered children.
   2. Stand...Those who have Adopted.
   3. Stand...Those who are a monthly sponsors of children abroad [Kel’s UKR fam 1/adopt 4]
C. After service we have 2 ministries represented: (I’ll mention 3)
   1. Slide #4 I.C.A. (Charlotte couldn’t make it) – Handles Adoption Services, Foster Family Services, Counseling & Support Services, & Family Training. Not just International adoption, ask about domestic zero-cost adoptions!
   2. Slide #5 Rose Barnes: looks for sponsors for orphans for summer camps in China; as well as helping some of the orphans to get in to better situations.
   3. Slide #6 Mercy Projects: I think we’d all agree the best place to raise a child is not an institution, but in a family. Part of MP’s monthly child sponsorships financially help Ukrainian families to adopt Ukrainian orphans right into their home [raised in own culture]
D. Slide #7 10 ways to care: Pray for them; Speak up for them; Provide for their needs; Support those who support them; Protect them from harm; Visit them where they are; Give sacrificially to them; Encourage them to press on; Adopt them into your family; Mobilize your church for them. Slide #8&9(auto)

II. INTRO:
A. Slide #10 We continue in David’s Victory Song at the end of his life.
B. Outline: The Warrior & The Worshipper. Slide #11

III. THE WARRIOR! (29-46)

A. The picture here is that of a **courageous warrior** letting nothing stand in the way of victory.
   1. He’s running through a troop or “**breaking through the enemies barricades**”, even scaling a wall to take a city.

B. (29) You are my lamp - David could say, The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? (Ps.27:1)  
   [Fear? Life, failure, the unknown, financial disaster; being laid off, loosing someone you love]
   1. In the darkest times, David found a Lamp to light his way.
   2. When days are dark, the Lord is our only Light!

C. (31) His Word is...proven - What is God’s Word to you?
   1. Are you more concerned with Getting His Word **right**, or getting it **lived**?
   2. Are you more concerned with stacking your theology in neat piles like **crackers**, or is your desire to squeeze His Word like **grapes** seeking after its **juice**?
   3. Are you more concerned with taking His Word into the **laboratory** to **dissect** it, or taking it into your **soul** & **assimilating** it.

D. (33-35) He makes - David was a gifted warrior, but it was the **anointing power** of the Lord that enabled him to succeed on the battlefield.
   1. In the strength of the Lord David was invincible.
   2. Slide #12 George Whitefield quote, *We are immortal until our work on earth is done*

E. (34) God became David’s **Strength, Song, & his Salvation**!
   1. If my legs were shaking, I probably would be looking for a place to sit down…not bounding up the side of a mountain, like a deer! Slide #13
   2. The Lord gives us “bounding feet” so we can overcome the **obstacles** of life.
   3. God doesn’t always change the **circumstances**, but He can change **us** to meet the circumstances!
   4. Faith gives you the ability to stand **sure-footed** like a deer, & to be able to **run-swiftly** & **go higher** then ever before!
   5. Like the eagle & like the deer, God made us for the heights! Slide #14(blank)
      a) They both will go down into the valley but that’s not where they live! (us too!)
   6. **Garibaldi**, the great Italian Patriot [Led 1000 volunteers in the capture of Sicily/Naples 1860] appealed for recruits in these terms, “I offer neither pay, nor quarters, nor provisions; I offer hunger, thirst, forced marches, battles & death. Let him who loves his country in his heart, & not w/this lips only, follow me.”
      a) Jesus didn’t come to make **life easy** but to make **men great**!
F. (36) When you look back on your years of difficulties & struggles, do you see the hardness of life, or the gentleness of God?

1. David affirmed that the yoke was easy & the burden was light. (Mt.11:28-30)
2. Your life today may seem hard, keep trusting & obeying. One day God will give you your own victory song! (Warren Wiersbe)
3. Your gentleness has made me great...is David’s amazement that the Lord would stoop down to make him great.
   a) God the Father condescends to work in our lives & to fit us for the work of His choosing.
   b) Is.57:15 For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
   c) God the Son stooped down, when He came to earth as a man;
      God the Spirit stooped down, when He came to live in the lives of the people of God.

G. (37) So my feet did not slip (turn an ankle) - with the Lord as your Lamp in a dark forest you don’t see all the trees, but you do see a few steps ahead of you. (Burma night hike/red head lamp)

1. As the Lord lights your path, He may not shine all the answers to your shadowy questions in your mind, but He will give you the light you need to scale life’s obstacles w/confidence & agility.

H. (38-46) You might cringe as we read his description of his victories (ie. stepping on their necks. 41)

1. But these are truly battles of the Lord. What we really can term “Just War!”
2. If these nations had defeated & destroyed Israel, what would happen to God’s great plan of salvation? We wouldn’t have a bible, & we wouldn’t have a Savior!
   a) In rebelling against the Lord & worshiping idols, these pagan nations had sinned against a flood of light, so they were w/o excuse.
   b) The Lord had been patient with them for many years, but they had spurned His grace.
   c) Thus, they were ground to powder (43).

IV. THE WORSHIPPER! (47-51) Slide #15

A. David’s shout of praise(47-51) was his bold witness to these subjected peoples that their dead idols could not save nor protect them.

   1. Only Jehovah, the God of Israel, is the true & living God.
   2. God was his Champion! Slide #16(blank)

B. (51) To David and his descendants Forevermore - David wraps up his victory song with his toes on the edge of a canyon, looking out into the future, & visualizing Gods eternal promises
cutting through the clouds like shafts of sunlight.

C. Review:
1. What thrilled the heart of David? God Himself! (mentioned at least 19 x’s)
2. David saw God in the affairs of his life, both sunny days & in stormy seasons.
3. David saw God’s purposes in his life, w/Israel, w/gentiles & rejoiced to be a part of it.
4. David saw God’s gentle hand, despite trials, troubles & trauma along the way.
   a) Ps.4:1 You have relieved me in my distress (lit. You have enlarged me in a tight corner)
   b) David’s battleground turned into his proving ground for his faith.
5. And this can be our experience as well!

D. Slide #17 David, a Warrior that fights on his feet; but equally comfortable as, a Worshiper falling on his face. [Warriors & Worshipers]
1. Nehemiah’s builders each had a sword in 1 hand & a trowel in the other.
2. David learned how to wield the sword & the harp.

E. Slide #18 Invite up team/dismiss ushers/Pray: Lord, whom have we but you? Only You can satisfy our thirsty souls... You are an endless spring. Your water is free, all other streams are dry.

V. Communion:
A. Bread - We know we can’t live on bread alone; we have spiritual needs as well as physical.
   1. Please, give us this day our daily bread (our phys needs); but may we also hang on every Word that proceeds from Your mouth oh God.

B. Cup - “Don’t come with a thimble when God has nothing less to give you than the ocean of Himself.” (B.Manning, The Relentless Tenderness of Jesus, pg.208)
   1. Lord, may this cup not be the measurement of our thanks, nor the measurement of our gratitude, nor the measurement of our desire of You.

C. Warriors & Worshipers!