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## Upcoming Events

9 Sep More To Life

For more information, check out  
[sle.church/events](http://sle.church/events)

## Today's Service

Welcome and Singing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♪ Come Praise And Glorify</li><li>♪ God Is Faithful (Psalm 114)</li><li>♪ On that Day</li></ul>
Community News	
Bible Reading	2 Samuel 18
Sermon	Pastor Steven Tran
Lord's Supper	
Song of Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♪ Man Of Sorrows</li></ul>

## Financial Updates

Last Week	\$7,534
	(Target: \$11,000)
Received to date 2025-26	\$89,938
	(Target: \$99,000)
Budget 2025-26	\$572,000

## Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name	SLE Church
Bank	National Australia Bank
BSB:	084-424
Acc No.:	396558544

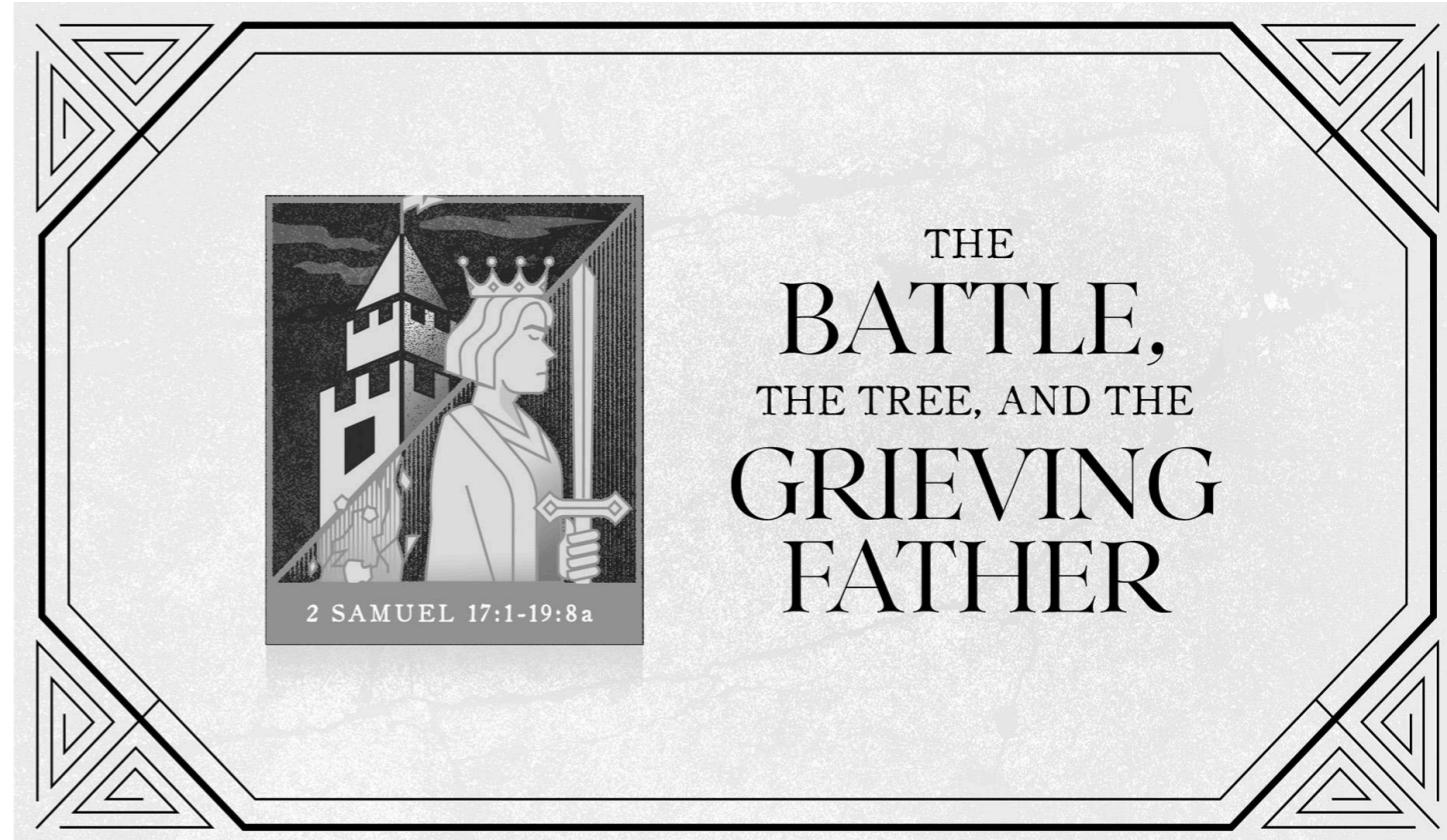
SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane.



07 September 2025  
Service Times: 9am & 11am

## Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. We gather to sing songs, read the Bible, and know more about Jesus. Check us out at [sle.church](http://sle.church).



THE  
**BATTLE,**  
THE TREE, AND THE  
**GRIEVING**  
**FATHER**

## The Battle, the Tree, and the Grieving Father

God frustrates rebellion and brings it to ruin, while David's grief exposes his weakness as king to save.

## Prayer Points

### **Monday: Give thanks to God for our fathers, for the men who fathered us or adopted us and raised us and cared for us.**

Give thanks also for our spiritual fathers, for the men who pray for us and minister to us and nurture us spiritually. Pray for those who struggle through the grief of having lost their fathers or are estranged from their fathers that God might give them comfort. Pray that as a church we would lament with those who struggle as fathers, or long to be fathers, or who as fathers have lost children too soon, and ask that God would comfort and heal.

### **Tuesday: Give thanks for the opportunities through Life Course**

to proclaim the gospel and invite people to repent and believe in Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Pray for those continuing to explore Jesus as they attend More to Life over the coming weeks, that as they read God's Word together, they would keep hearing the gospel and be led to repent and believe in Jesus. Pray for the Spirit to be at work in people's hearts to help them see the goodness of Jesus and the life that he offers in him.

### **Wednesday: Give thanks for the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches**

**(FIEC)** and the support it provides to churches all across Australia (including SLE Church) as we work together to reach Australia for Christ. Give thanks for the fellowship's commitment to grow followers of Jesus in every corner of our country, and pray for their goal to plant new churches and grow existing churches that reach ordinary people with the extraordinary message of Jesus Christ.

### **Thursday: Pray for the pastors and leaders attending FIEC Conference**

to be refreshed and encouraged in their time of fellowship together. Pray for God's Word to comfort and convict their hearts to keep preaching the gospel in their churches and to keep praying that God would continue working to win hearts to Jesus. Pray for safe travels to and from the conference.

### **Friday: Give thanks for the recent SPUR Conference**

and the time for men and women to hear from the Bible, be mentored by gospel workers, and share with others who are also thinking about gospel ministry. Pray that God would use the talks and conversations from the conference to move people a step forward towards a lifetime of service for his kingdom.

### **Saturday: Pray for the Bartleets serving in**

**Bangkok, Thailand with OMF.** Give thanks for the approval of Trish's visa that enables her to teach at the International Community School, and pray that the opportunity she has to teach the Bible and preach the gospel to her Grade 2 class would enable students and their families to know Jesus as Saviour and Lord. Pray for Bruce's ministry with the urban poor community as the team seeks to preach the gospel to those under the bondage of addiction, and pray that Jesus, and not their addictions, would be Lord of their lives. Praise God for bringing Uncle Chort to new life in Jesus at the age of 84, and give thanks for the joy and hope he now lives with because of his faith. Pray that Bruce and Trish would continue to use every opportunity and conversation with their Thai friends to honour God and encourage them to shine as lights for the gospel.

## Community News

No community news items available

# The Battle, the Tree, and the Grieving Father

## (2 Samuel 17:1-19:8a)

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### Introduction

1. God Frustrates Human Schemes (17:1-29)

4. Our Hope: God's Sovereign King Who Truly Died For Rebels

2. God Brings Rebels To Ruin (18:1-18)

So what?