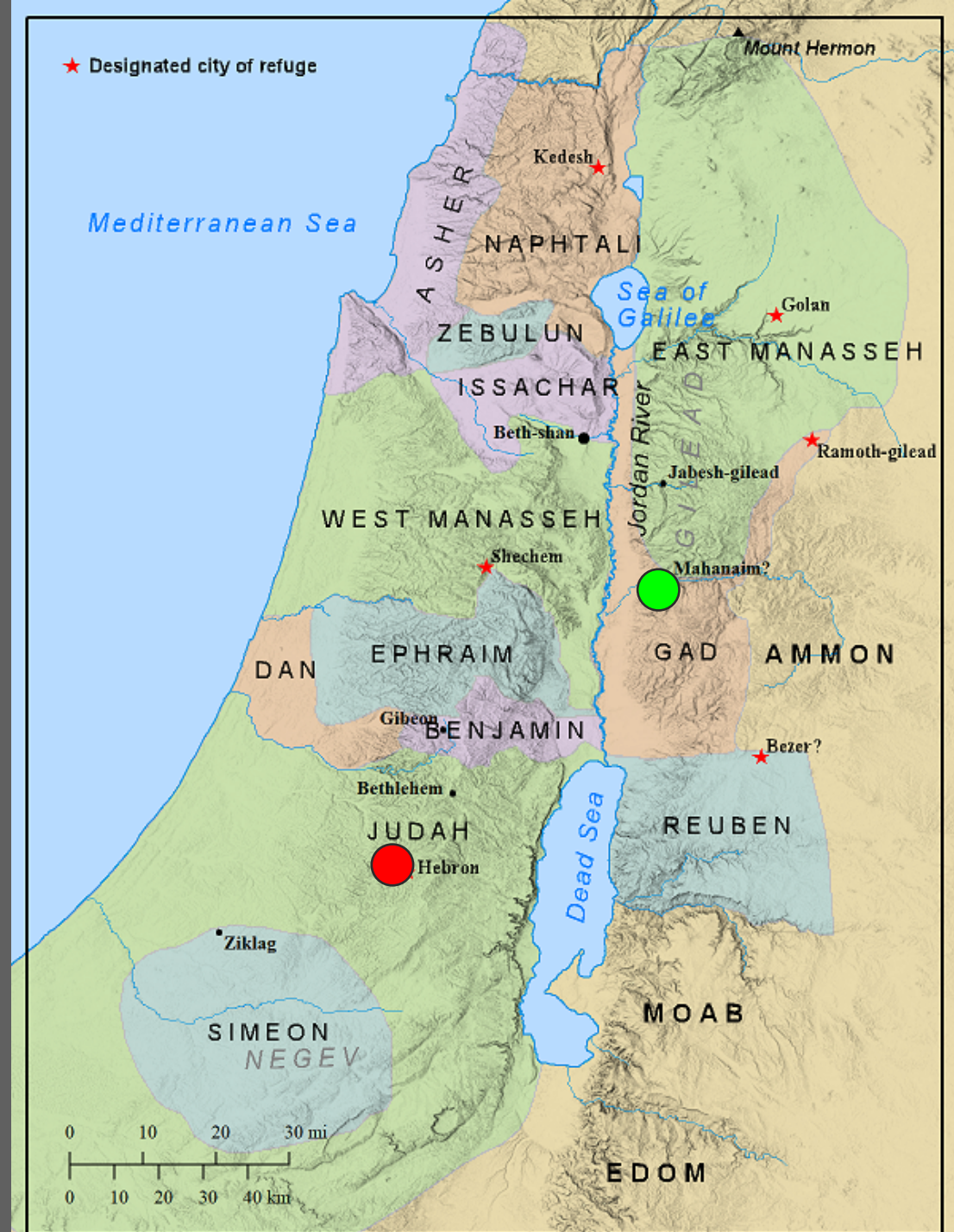


● David reigning as king of Judah in Hebron for 7.5yrs

● Ish-Bosheth, Saul's only surviving son, reigning as king of north from Mahanaim for 2yrs

Abner real power behind throne; switches allegiance to David and brings rest of northern tribes with him

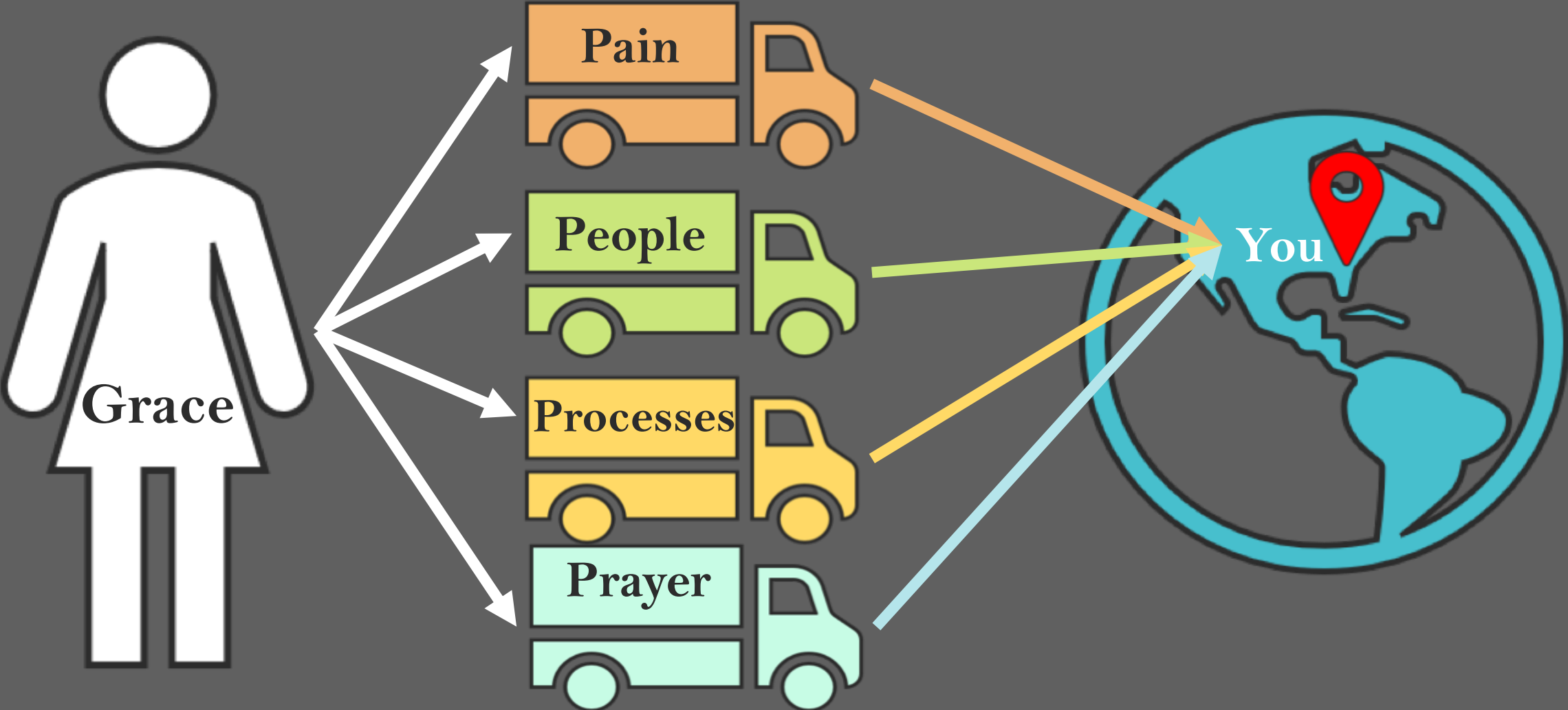
Joab murders Abner



## KEY EXCHANGE: v8-11

- Baanah and Rekab: Here is the head of Ish-Bosheth son of Saul, your enemy, who tried to kill you. This day the LORD has avenged my lord the king against Saul and his offspring.
- David: As surely as the LORD lives, who has delivered me out of every trouble, when someone told me, ‘Saul is dead,’ and thought he was bringing good news, I seized him and put him to death in Ziklag. That was the reward I gave him for his news! How much more—when wicked men have killed an innocent man in his own house and on his own bed—should I not now demand his blood from your hand and rid the earth of you!

# GOD WORKS THROUGH MEANS



# GOD WORKS THROUGH PAIN

- **Romans 5.3-4:** Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.
- **Romans 8.28:** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

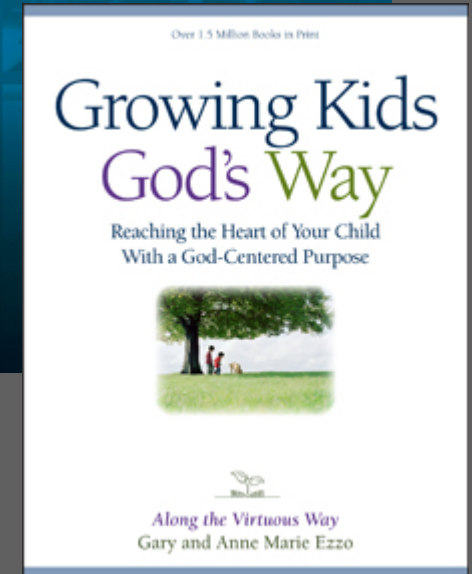
# GOD WORKS THROUGH PEOPLE

- People are most tangible means of grace – incarnation
- Biggest danger for us – isolation



# GOD WORKS THROUGH PROCESSES

- God works through righteous and amoral processes
- Tempted to worship techniques – do in relationship w/God
- Don't let pride keep you from engaging



# GOD WORKS THROUGH PRAYER

- **James 5. 16-18:** The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.
- **2 Corinthians 5.21:** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.