

"Opposition to the King" (Part 2)
2 Samuel 2:12-32

"For a man to lead in humility, he must be doubtful about himself, and undoubting about the truth."

"Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases" (Psalm 115:3). "For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and He does according to His will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay His hand or say to Him, 'What have you done?'" (Daniel 4:34b-35). "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today" (Genesis 50:20).

- God's Perfect Timing: (v. 12-16)
 - It was God's will to make David king (1 Samuel 16:1-2,12-13), neither Abner nor Joab's behavior was going to **impede** this from happening or **accelerate** this happening.
 - The Two Wills of God:
 - **God's Sovereign Will:** (Acts 4:27-28) These are things that will come to pass regardless of man's will or resistance.
 - **God's Will of Command:** (1 Thessalonians 5:18) These are things that God commands us to do, but man can resist this. Man exercises his will over God's Will of Command, but God still reigns supreme over this as well in His allowance of it.
- The Consequences of Our Timing and Wisdom: (v. 18-23)
 - Asahel desired for David to rule and reign over all Israel. He took things into his own hands as opposed to trusting the sovereignty of God (1 Samuel 26:8-11).
 - It was not **Abner's will** to take the life of Asahel but it was **Asahel's will** to take the life of Abner. **God's sovereign will** was done in this situation...*"(Man who is born of woman) Since his days are determined, and the number of his months is with You, and You have appointed his limits that he cannot pass."* (Job 14:5; cf. Psalm 139:16; James 4:13-16)
- Disobedience Divides Brothers: (v. 24-28)
 - Undealt with sin will always divide brothers. There is nothing more urgent than for us to deal with sin, for the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). *"Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity." (Psalm 133:1) "With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:2-3)*
- God Makes His Will Known: (v. 17,29-32)
 - Abner knew God's Sovereign will and yet he resisted it (2 Samuel 3:9-10). This brought great consequences. Abner also knew God's will of command (1 Samuel 12:14-15) and he resisted it, also bringing great consequence into his life.

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** *THIS* Sunday is the *LAST* day we will be collecting monetary donations for the Lambs, one of the missionary families that we support as a church body. For more information about the Lambs, their life, and work in Papua New Guinea please see the board on the back table. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that your donation is for the Lambs.

★**“FOURTH OF JULY” SERVICE:** We will be having our annual “4th of July” service on Sunday, July 2nd, at Andy Wesley’s house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron) at 5pm! There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring a food item to this event. Please bring any yard games that you have and bring your lawn chairs! Mark your calendars and plan on attending our annual outdoor Worship Service and Fellowship Dinner!

★**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** If you are interested in church membership, we will be offering a 3 week New Members Class starting on Sunday, July 16th, from 4-5pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is also something we would encourage our current church members to participate in, as we will be working through our By-Laws, Statement of Faith (our church’s belief on Salvation, Baptism, Marriage, Eschatology, etc.), why our church has church membership, and the roles of Elders and Deacons in the church. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating in the New Members Class. If you are unable to participate in this class in July, we will be offering the New Members Class again in October.