

“Are You Loyal to the King?”
2 Samuel 15:1-23

“But Ittai answered the king, ‘As the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, wherever my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, there also will your servant be.’” (2 Samuel 15:21)

“Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you in prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.” (Revelation 2:10)

- 2 Samuel 15:1-2: Absalom, the Patient Politician.
 - Physical Impressiveness:
 - 2 Samuel 14:25
 - Positional Impressiveness:
 - 2 Samuel 15:1; 1 Samuel 8:11,18; Deuteronomy 17:14-15
 - Compassionate:
 - 2 Samuel 15:2-4
 - Relatable:
 - 2 Samuel 15:5-6
 - “Religious”:
 - 2 Samuel 15:7-9
 - *Hebron was a very important city in Israel. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were buried at Hebron. It was the capital of Judah, where David reigned for 7 years and was a great strategic site for Absalom to prepare to attack David without David knowing what was going on. It was about 20 miles south of Jerusalem.*

- 2 Samuel 15:13-23: David, the King of the Wilderness.
 - God gives David a warning:
 - 2 Samuel 15:13-14
 - God gives David wisdom:
 - 2 Samuel 15:15-17
 - God gives David loyal men:
 - 2 Samuel 15:18-22
 - God gives David resolve:
 - 2 Samuel 15:23
 - Psalm 3:1-8
 - David trusted God. If God was for David, no one could be against him. Absalom trusted in his wisdom, strength, and his natural giftedness.

“Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.” (Psalm 20:7)

“It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.” (Psalm 118:8-9)

Worship: This is Amazing Grace — Phil Wickham

As the Deer — Various Artists

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30p/Men 6:30 & 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Announcements:

★**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY:** Our annual New Year's Eve Party will be THIS Sunday, December 31st, at Andy Wesley's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron). There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the party! The festivities will start at 6pm and last until midnight! EVERYONE is invited to join us for a fun night of games, food, and fellowship!

★**LEGACY THEOLOGY PRACTICUM:** Starting on January 8 through March 11, 2024, we will be offering a 10-week course on "**Church History**" on Mondays from 6-9pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying the birth of the Church in Acts 2 in 30AD up to our present time of 2023. Our Christian heritage is filled to the brim with fascinating figures whose lives we can learn from. Church history also records the teaching, movements, and mistakes of Christians who held to the truth of the Word and sought to reflect the invisible God. For the past two-thousand years of our history, Christians have wrestled with Scripture. The stories of Polycarp, Athanasius, Irenaeus, Augustine, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Jonathan Edwards, and John Wesley (just to name a few) help us to persevere in our faith during tough times and inspire us to live our lives in full for God's glory. We will study the major disputes of Heresy, such as the Council of Nicaea, that condemned Arianism in 325, the Council of Carthage that denounced Pelagianism in 418, and the Council of Chalcedon that rejected Eutychianism in 451. We also will study when Churches and Denominations begin. Please see the back of your sermon notes for more information about this course. Let Elder Richard know if you may be interested in this course so we can prepare a Syllabus for you. [(419)651-0053]