

“Only Christ Can Bring Peace” (Part 2)
Samuel 19:16-30

- **Shimei:** *Fearfully* submitting to the king.
 - “*Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king...*” (2 Samuel 16:5-8)
 - “*Let not my lord **hold me guilty or remember** how your servant did wrong on the day my lord the king left Jerusalem.*”
 - “*Do not let the king take it to heart (personal).*”
 - “*For your servant knows that I have sinned.*” (1 Kings 2:8-9; 3:36-46)
 - Our only hope is the grace and mercy of God. We were God’s enemies before He rescued us from our sin. “*But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us...by grace you have been saved.*” (Ephesians 2:4-5)
 - Humility and awe before God will keep us passionate for God. “*Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.*” (Hebrews 12:28)

- **Mephibosheth:** *Delightfully* following the king.
 - “*And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king.*” (2 Samuel 9:8-13)
 - “*He had neither **taken care of** his feet nor trimmed his beard nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day **he came back in safety.***”
 - “*Do therefore what seems good to you.*”
 - “*Oh, let him take it all, since the lord my king has come safely home.*”
 - The greatest gift that we have received in Christ is having access to God. He is the true prize of salvation. “*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God.*” (1 Peter 3:18a)
 - Our love for Christ is an inward and outward reality. “*But whoever keeps His word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in Him: whoever says he abides in Him, ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.*” (1 John 2:5-6)

- **Barzillai:** *Faithfully* serving the king.
 - “*He had provided the king with food while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very wealthy man.*” (2 Samuel 17:27-29)
 - “*But here is your servant Chimham. Let him go over with my lord the king, and do for him whatever seems good to you.*”
 - “*And the king kissed Barzillai and blessed him, and he returned to his own home.*”
 - Barzillai had everything he needed, which led to him thinking of others more than himself. “*Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.*” (Romans 12:10)

Announcements:

Worship: There is a Foundation — Citizens

It Is Well — Various Artists

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

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of February we are collecting monetary donations for the Lambs. They are a missionary family living and serving in Papua New Guinea, working to translate the Bible into the multiple different languages of that country. For more information about the Lambs and their work in Papua New Guinea, please see the board at the back of the sanctuary. There is a container on the back table to collect your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for the Lambs. ***THIS Sunday is the last day we will be collecting monetary donations for the Lambs!***

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** *THIS* Sunday, February 25th, we are having our Church Night of Prayer from 5:30-7pm. If you would like to participate in this, we have a sign-up list on the table in the entryway. We have that hour and a half broken up into 15 minute increments, you are welcome to sign up for as many time slots as you would like to. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body.

★**CLEANING MINISTRY MEETING:** If you currently serve in or are interested in serving in the Cleaning Ministry, please mark your calendars and plan on attending a short ministry meeting on Sunday, March 17th, immediately following the worship service.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch *THIS* Sunday, February 25th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the meal and the fellowship with us!

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for volunteers to join the Slides Ministry. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or if you have questions about serving in this ministry, please see Shanelle McElfresh!