

“When God’s Will and David’s Will Collide”
2 Samuel 18:19-33

“Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘This is what the LORD has said: “Among those who are near Me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.”’ **And Aaron held his peace.**”
(Leviticus 10:3)

“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and **we rot away because of them**. How then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, declares the LORD God, **I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?**” (Ezekiel 33:10-11)

- Theological Truths:
 - We are **never the ultimate** focal point of what God is doing in this world, God is.
 - Our **limited knowledge** and our **inconsistent emotions** makes seeing things clearly on a macro scale impossible.
 - We don’t know what is **ultimately good** for us, God does.
 - God’s love and compassion is never offered to us to **elevate our worth** above God’s.

- What is God Doing?
 - David is saying, “What about my will? What about what I want? What about my feelings? What about God’s love, mercy, and grace?”
 - God disciplines us (Hebrews 12:5-11).
 - God is conforming us into the image of Christ (Romans 8:29).
 - Things in this world are falling apart because of sin (2 Corinthians 4:16).
 - God’s authority and holiness will be honored among His people (Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 11:30-32).
 - God uses disasters and death to bring people to repentance (Luke 13:1-5).

- Deuteronomy 13:6-11
 - We are more universalist than we imagine.
 - We are more passive towards sin than we imagine.
 - We are more likely to excuse sin the closer someone is to us.
 - **Because we have a natural tendency to love people more than we love God!**

Announcements:

★**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 in 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.

★**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** For anyone interested in becoming a church member, we are offering a 2 week New Members Class starting Sunday, February 18th, from 9-10am in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating in this class. This class is also open to any current church members who are interested in learning more about our Church By-Laws.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch THIS Sunday, February 11th, 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 join us for the food and the fellowship!