

“Only Christ Can Bring Peace” (Part 3)
“My Desire to be King”
2 Samuel 20:1-25

“The defining spirit of America today is self-determination, not submission to the will of another. Anything that enhances my individual liberty to do as I please is good, and anything that encumbers me and limits my ability to do as I please is bad. That is the spirit breathed in America. And that makes submission culturally outrageous.”

- Important statements to the context: **Rebellion: an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler.**
 - “And all the people were arguing throughout all the tribes of Israel...” (2 Samuel 19:9)
 - “And say to Amasa... ‘God do so to me and more also, if you are not commander of my army from now on in place of Joab.’ ” (2 Samuel 19:13)
 - “All the people of Judah, and also half the people of Israel, brought the king on his way.” (2 Samuel 19:40)
 - “So all the men of Israel withdrew from David and followed Sheba the son of Bichri.” (a worthless man or a son of Belial; cf. 2 Corinthians 6:15)
 - “But the men of Judah followed their king steadfastly from the Jordan to Jerusalem.” (2 Samuel 20:2; cf. 1 Samuel 11:8, 15:4, 17:52, 18:16, 2 Samuel 2:10-11, 5:1, 11:11, 12:8)
- David’s Ten Concubines:
 - **People affect people.** We do not live autonomously from one another. We are connected to one another. Our joy, our mourning, our commitment, our laziness, our excitement, our passivity, our praising, and our complaining directly impacts those around us.
 - “And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.” (2 Samuel 12:11)
 - “And the king left ten concubines to keep the house.” (2 Samuel 15:16)
 - “Ahithophel said to Absalom, ‘Go into your father’s concubines, whom he has left to keep the house, and all Israel will hear that you have made yourself a stench to your father....’ ” (2 Samuel 16:21; cf. 2 Samuel 13:20)
 - **They were shamed because of David’s sin. They were a reminder of David’s sin. They were a reminder of Absalom’s rebellion.**
- Joab: *There is such a thing as acknowledging the king’s authority, but not submitting to his will.*
 - Joab is **loyal** and uncontrollable. Joab is **faithful**, but acts as his own king. Joab is **committed**, but unsubmitive.
 - Biblical submission has a **bent toward trusting, a disposition toward support, a wanting to imitate and an inclination to comply.**
 - Crisis will always show the heart of an individual. Loyalty to God in peacetime means very little.

Announcements:

★**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.

★**COMMUNION:** We will be partaking of and celebrating Communion together as a church body THIS Sunday, March 3rd.

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** NEW COURSE: Old Testament Synthesis (Survey) will be starting on Monday, March 11th – April 29th, this is an Eight Week Course with 24 Lecture Hours. Old Testament Synthesis: An Old Testament survey Bible study is a type of Bible study that covers the main themes, events, and characters of the Old Testament, which consists of the first 39 books of the Bible. It is a way of getting an overview of the historical and theological background of the Old Testament, as well as its connection to the New Testament and the Christian faith. An Old Testament survey Bible study can help you understand the context and purpose of each book, as well as the major teachings and prophecies that are relevant for today. If interested let Elder Richard know so we can prepare a Syllabus.