

AROUND THE DINNER TABLE

September 25: 2 Samuel 4:1-12

In this week's passage, we see two brothers take matters into their own hands to gain favor with David.

Why do you think we are drawn to famous or powerful people?

What are some of the ways that you have seen people try to gain favor and influence with powerful people?

Read aloud Philippians 3:1-11.

How are you tempted to put "confidence in the flesh"?

Describe in your own words the difference between righteousness and self-righteousness.

How are you clinging to your own righteousness? What things do you do to make yourself more acceptable to God? How is this keeping you from enjoying Christ's work for you? How would your walk with Christ be more refreshing if you repented of these things?

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Adapted from Rachel Jones' *5 Things to Pray* series.

Heavenly Father, please help me to fix my eyes on the **FAITHFUL KING**

Read Hebrews 12:2

Thank Jesus that "for the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame" so that you could be brought into God's family. Worship your king, who has now "sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Thank him that his faithfulness to his Father and to his people knows no limits. Pray that you would keep your eyes fixed on him today.

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SERMON PASSAGE

2 Samuel 4:1-12 (ESV)

¹ When Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, heard that Abner had died at Hebron, his courage failed, and all Israel was dismayed. ² Now Saul's son had two men who were captains of raiding bands; the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, sons of Rimmon a man of Benjamin from Beeroth (for Beeroth also is counted part of Benjamin; ³ the Beerothites fled to Gittaim and have been sojourners there to this day).

⁴ Jonathan, the son of Saul, had a son who was crippled in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel, and his nurse took him up and fled, and as she fled in her haste, he fell and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.

⁵ Now the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, set out, and about the heat of the day they came to the house of Ish-bosheth as he was taking his noonday rest. ⁶ And they came into the midst of the house as if to get wheat, and they stabbed him in the stomach. Then Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. ⁷ When they came into the house, as he lay on his bed in his bedroom, they struck him and put him to death and beheaded him. They took his head and went by the way of the Arabah all night, ⁸ and brought the head of Ish-bosheth to David at Hebron. And they said to the king, "Here is the head of Ish-bosheth, the son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life. The Lord has avenged my lord the king this day on Saul and on his offspring." ⁹ But David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, "As the Lord lives, who has redeemed my life out of every adversity, ¹⁰ when one told me, 'Behold, Saul is dead,' and thought he was bringing good news, I seized him and killed him at Ziklag, which was the reward I gave him for his news. ¹¹ How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous man in his own house on his bed, shall I not now require his blood at your hand and destroy you from the earth?" ¹² And David commanded his young men, and they killed them and cut off their hands and feet and hanged them beside the pool at Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth and buried it in the tomb of Abner at Hebron.

SERMON NOTES

September 25, 2022: Pastor Brent Miller

Passage: 2 Samuel 4:1-12

Sermon Series: *2 Samuel: Hope in The Future King*

Sermon Notes

FURTHER STUDY THIS WEEK

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

Whether you are meeting with someone this week or you are getting into the Word on your own, we encourage you to work through these questions as you take a deeper look at the sermon passage from this week, or as you dig deeper into the "Read the Bible in Two Years" reading plan that we are currently working through as a church.



1. What are 1-2 things that "shine" from this passage? Whatever impacts the most or draws attention.



2. What are 1-2 things that are difficult to understand in the text, or a question that you would like to ask the writer of the passage or the Lord?



3. What is the central idea of the passage?



4. What are 1-2 personal applications for your own life?



5. With a friend: Find out what is going on in each other's lives. What has been their greatest joy this week? Greatest challenge this week and how they've handled it? What is one area each of you could pray about for each other as it relates to growing with your relationship with the Lord, a spouse, child or friend?

September Memory Verse

Romans 12:21

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.