"Opposition to the King" (Part 1) 2 Samuel 2:1-11

"For a man to lead in humility, he must be doubtful about himself, and undoubting about the truth."

"If you will fear the LORD and serve Him and obey His voice and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, and if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the LORD your God, it will be well."

(1 Samuel 12:14)

- David Inquires of the Lord (2 Samuel 2:1-4)
 - David would have sought for God's will by having Abiathar consult the ephod (1 Samuel 23:9-12), or by receiving direction from Gad the prophet (1 Samuel 22:5).
 - David was from the tribe of Judah (1 Samuel 17:12; Matthew 1:2-6) and the most significant city in Judah was Hebron. Hebron was about 25 miles from where his men had been in Ziklag.
 - David is anointed for the second time as king (1 Samuel 16:12-13) and will be anointed again in 2 Samuel 5.
- David Leads for God's Glory (2 Samuel 2:5-7)
 - o David and the men of Jabesh-Gilead (1 Samuel 11:1-11).
 - David shows gratitude: The Blessings of Yahweh.
 - David offers a proposal: The Blessings of David.
 - David gives an invitation: Fight for me as you have fought for Saul.
- Opposition to the King (2 Samuel 2:8-11)
 - Abner, Saul's cousin, was the commander of Saul's army (1 Samuel 14:50-51). Abner took
 Saul's remaining son, Ish-bosheth, and made him king over Israel.
 - Abner carried on the hostility toward David after the death of Saul.
 - Abner fought against the will of Yahweh (2 Samuel 3:9-10).
 - Abner did not want to lose his position and power so he used Ish-bosheth as a means to keep it.
 - o David shows us some amazing holiness in his response to this opposition.
 - David believed that God was infinitely more wise than he was (Romans 11:33-35).
 - David did not believe he had the right to be treated well (Romans 8:17-18).
 - David was willing to hold onto truth even when it cost him greatly (1 Peter 4:12-14).
 - David depended on God's grace, not his strength (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).
 - David was willing to submit to God's timing and will (1 Peter 4:19).

Announcements:

- ★DONATIONS: Throughout the month of June we are collecting monetary donations for the Lambs, one of the missionary families that we support as a church body. The Lamb Family has been serving in Papua New Guinea with Wycliffe Bible Translators since 2019. They are working with translation teams to develop culturally appropriate media in the everyday language of the people. There are approximately 840 languages in Papua New Guinea, and only 13 of those languages have complete Bibles. For more information about the Lambs, their life, and work in Papua New Guinea please see the board on the back table. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that your donation is for the Lambs.
- ★<u>"FOURTH OF JULY" SERVICE:</u> We will be having our annual "4th of July" service on Sunday, July 2nd, at Andy Wesney's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron) at 5pm! Please mark your calendars and plan on attending our annual outdoor Worship Service and Fellowship Dinner!
- ★<u>FELLOWSHIP DINNER:</u> We are having a Fellowship Dinner THIS Sunday, June 18th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!