

"Living Like You And Your Brothers Are At Peace With God" (Part 2)
2 Samuel 3:31-4:12

*"Our **capacity to sin** should leave us humble and ready to forgive. **God's forgiveness** of our wickedness should leave us humble and ready to forgive. **God's promises** to finish what He has begun in our lives should leave us humble and ready to forgive."*

"The heart of Christ is to make friends (sons and daughters/brothers and sisters) of His enemies. To be willing to experience pain for the prize of reconciliation."

- (2 Samuel 3:31-39) *"The LORD repay the evildoer according to his wickedness!" or: the LORD pour out on Christ the consequence of our wickedness.*
 - Joab is called by David to public repentance. The heart of Joab is unable to be seen, but his obedience to David and public admittance of his guilt is clear.
 - This lament for Abner was to make a public proclamation that the way that Abner was killed was unjust. He was killed as a criminal not as an honored soldier, leader, and brother.
 - In gentleness, David offered Abner peace and honor; in severity and wickedness, Joab offered Abner death and dishonor. What does our heart desire when someone sins against us?

- (2 Samuel 4:1-12) *"The LORD has avenged my lord the king..."*
 - We continue to see the house of Saul becoming more and more weak (2 Samuel 3:1).
 - 1) Abner has died.
 - 2) Ish-bosheth's will to fight was gone.
 - 3) Israel was dismayed.
 - 4) The only member of the household of Saul left outside of Ishbosheth was Mephibosheth.
 - We see great wickedness again where there was 'Shalom'. Baanah and Rechab were:
 - 1) Captains inside of Ish-bosheth's army.
 - 2) Members of Ish-bosheth's tribe (Benjamin).
 - 3) Were trusted men of Ish-bosheth.
 - Baanah and Rechab appealed that they had accomplished God's will for David. "An opportunity to do evil is never a gift from God." (cf. James 1:13-15)
 - Temptation: Opportunity without desire is not temptation and desire without an opportunity is not temptation. Temptation requires an opportunity and a desire, which is why it is glorious when it is resisted for God's glory.
 - David gives God credit for protecting him, not evil men: "As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life out of every adversity." (2 Samuel 4:9; cf. 1 Samuel 26:23-24).

Announcements:

- **NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** For anyone interested in becoming a church member, we are offering a 3 week New Members Class starting ***THIS*** Sunday, July 16th, from 4-5pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is also something we would encourage our current church members to participate in, as we will be working through our By-Laws, Statement of Faith, why our church has church membership, and the roles of Elders and Deacons in the church. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating in the New Members Class. If you are unable to participate in this class in July, we will be offering the New Members Class again in October.
- **MEMBERS MEETING:** We are having a Members Business Meeting ONE week from this Sunday, on Sunday, July 23rd, immediately following the worship service. This meeting will be to discuss the *potential* of moving to a Sunday morning worship service. At this meeting we will be sharing the results of the anonymous ballot from the vote in May and opening the floor for Q&A. If you are currently a church member, please mark your calendars and plan to stay for this important meeting.
- **KINGS ISLAND:** Christina Strawn is organizing a group trip to Kings Island on Saturday, August 5th. Group Admission tickets are \$52 each (minimum of 15 people). Please contact Christina if you would like to go or you have any questions! (740-755-6512)
- **DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of July we are collecting monetary donations for Shannon and Vicki Bobb, they are one of the missionary families that we support as a church body. They are currently serving in Cambodia, where they live and serve and meet the physical and spiritual needs of those living in that region. For information about the Bobbs and their work in Cambodia, please see the bulletin 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 it is for the Bobbs.