

SERMON OUTLINE

2 Samuel 1:1-27

A Man After God's Own Heart

INTRODUCTION

2nd Samuel 1:1-16: David hears of Saul's death

2nd Samuel 1:17-27: David's lament for Saul and Jonathan

Application for us:

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this sermon is this, that David lived life with his eyes fixed squarely on the Lord's kingdom and on the principles that God laid out for his people to live by. David's heart was bent towards valuing his relationship with God above all else, because of this he walked humbly before the Lord. Content to allow God's timing to work out for when he would indeed be king. He need not take the kingdom by force as the Lord had promised to give him the kingdom. He was honoring and forgiving of Saul, the Lord's anointed, even when Saul was busy pursuing David with the purpose of murdering him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Before you heard this sermon, what did you think of when you thought of the story of Saul's death, the Amalekite's lie and David's response? Did the way you think of it change at all? If so, how?
3. The lead up to this chapter is quite remarkable: David almost has to go to war with the Philistines, his family is taken prisoner, then in the aftermath of the family rescue the news of Israel's defeat comes along with a phony report of Saul's death. If you're one of David's men, where are your emotions at? What would you be thinking when David reacts the way he does to Saul's death?
4. Have you ever done something like the Amalekite? Exaggerated a story to make yourself look better?
5. Does David's willingness to honor and submit to the Lord's anointed authority bring conviction to you? Is it easy for you to submit even if the authority is being unfair to you?
6. If you're David in the midst of grief over Saul, Jonathan and the people slain, do you think the promise of God that "I will give the kingdom to you" would be going through your mind?
7. Do you think you could sing a song of admiration and honor about a person who has wronged you in the way Saul had wronged David?
8. Can you clearly and confidently see that it was only through God that victory is ever given and does not come by any human means?
9. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

10. Ask one godly person who knows you well to be an accountability partner with you.
11. Actively fight against sin, pray daily for the strength and deliverance from besetting sin in your life.
12. Strive to forgive and love those who've hurt you, put them on your prayer list, pray that you learn to love them the way Christ loves us.
13. Pray for your brothers and sisters at Grace that we would be a humble Christ-like people, that we would pursue after our relationship with the Lord above all else.

PRAYER POINTS

14. Adoration. Praise God for being a loving Father who is moving and directing our lives even when we don't understand.
15. Confess. Confess any areas you are failing to be obedient to the Lord and submit to Him.
16. Thanksgiving. Thank God for His provision in your life. For work, for shelter, for sustenance, for your church.
17. Supplication. Ask God to give you a heart that is quick to forgive even when the other person has been utterly unfair and unrepentant.