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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 11.03.24 Pulpit Curriculum

The Omen of Absalom's Return

Main passage: 2 Samuel 13:34-14:33

Absalom's Retreat (2 Sam. 13:37-39)

[2 Sam. 3:2-5; 2 Sam. 5:10; Matt. 8:21-35]

- Instead of facing the sin and tension in the family, Absalom flees and David allows bitterness and aggression to fuel his attitude towards his son.

1) Absalom in Exile

A. Absalom allowed himself to toil over his sin of murdering his brother and ran from his problems. In what ways are you tempted to suppress conviction from the Holy Spirit and distract yourself from confronting your sin patterns?

2) David's makes a mess

3) David's family failures

B. David excelled in so many areas of his life except in his own home. Which part of your home life can you improve as we head into the holidays? A spiritual discipline? A relationship to focus on? Both?

C. How are you actively working to be a more Christ-like spouse?

4) David harbors bitterness

D. Personal devotion to God is the very key to a life that honors God and walks in the blessings that He has designed. How would you describe the current state of your personal devotion and communion with the Lord? _____



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Joab's Ruse (2 Sam. 14:1-23)

[James 2:13; Romans 5:6-11; Eph. 4:17-19]

- Instead of speaking plainly to David, out of self-preservation, Joab creates this false story with this woman of Tekoa to gain an opportunity to convince David to reconcile with Absalom so that there is no more kingdom conflict.

1) Joab's politicking

2) Widow's wisdom

E. We aren't guaranteed tomorrow. Instead of avoiding family conflicts or harboring bitterness and resentment towards our family members, we need to have those hard conversations. Who in your family do you need to have a heart-to-heart conversation with? _____

F. Describe a time where there was tension in a family relationship, and you experienced genuine reconciliation with that person. _____

3) Rebels reconciled to God

G. God has designed a way for the banished ones to come home through Jesus Christ. How can you more deeply embrace the identity of a reconciled rebel? _____

Absalom's Return (2 Sam. 14:24-33)

[Acts 3:19-21]

1) Burning the Barley

2) Absalom's bitterness

3) David's parenting failures

H. Godly parents love their children with tender affection and hold their children accountable with discipline. In what ways has your parenting been influenced by the ways of the world? _____

4) David perpetuates the problem

I. Grace without forgiveness is false because it ignores the offense. Why is repentance essential to true forgiveness, and how can you cultivate a more repentant attitude and not ignore offenses under the guise of "grace?" _____