

# God Works with Messy People

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2 Samuel 3:1-21

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## David's House is Strengthened

- While Saul's house weakens...
- Abner seems to run Saul's house with Ish-Bosheth as puppet king
- David does not act to harm Saul's house or elevate his own
- *Lesson: Believers should conduct our affairs with a constant eye on God's will and be willing to wait in patient obedience to His Word. When we do, we will most often find that God builds our spiritual resources and we will experience God's blessing even in the midst of trials*

## David's Messy Growth

- v2-5 a great worldly resume for David...
- Each son seemed to provide strength to David's house...
- BUT David had many wives – polygamy
- Consequences? Amnon raped<sup>25:13</sup> 1/2 sister; Chileab maybe died at young age?; Absalom murdered Amnon<sup>25:13</sup> then led civil war<sup>25:6-18</sup>; Adonijah<sup>1K1-2</sup> staged coup against Solomon, David's choice
- polygamy – man-centered, not focused on God's purposes
- Beware of adopting the world's ideas... dangerous

## Weakness and Division in the house of Saul

- Ish-bosheth was unable to control concubines in his house...
- Ish-bosheth questioned Abner<sup>7</sup>; Abner very angry<sup>8</sup>

## Abner Reaches out to David

- Abner sends messengers to David's house
- David replies with demands - return of Michal...
- Abner ends up brokering things between David & Ish-bosheth
- Michal is returned by Ish-bosheth<sup>15</sup> but Paltiel heartbroken...
- Saul's sin has again caused heartbreak & distress

## Abner brokers the Return of Israel

- Abner keeps his vow and brokers Israel back to David
- God was gracious to Israel despite their wanting a king<sup>158:5</sup>
- David tells of God's Mercy: Psalm 103:8-10,14

## Abner brings Peace

- Abner returns to Hebron bringing news of peace
- A feast celebrates the peace<sup>20</sup>
- Abner is sent away in peace<sup>21</sup>
- Abner seems to only do God's will because it suits him

## So What?

- Our sovereign God works using messy people<sup>Psalm 27</sup>
- David shows value of peace & unity in His church<sup>Eph4:1-7</sup>
- Remember King Jesus brought TRUE PEACE<sup>Jn14:27; Eph2:13-14!</sup>
- Don't be like Abner - knowing God's will but resisting it
- King Jesus declared *the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*<sup>Rom6:23</sup> Listen and have faith in Christ!
- King Jesus brought us peace<sup>Isa53:6</sup>
- Live in faith in King Jesus