

A Royal Mess

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2 Samuel 14:1-33

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- David's sin w/ Bathsheba & resulting murder of Uriah still affecting family
- Yet another difficult chapter of trouble...
- But we can learn from it as it is God's inspired Word^{2Tim3:16-17}

Joab is Concerned

- Absalom fled after murder of Amnon - 3 years
- v39 difficult but likely: David grieving over Amnon, angry at Absalom, unwilling to march against Geshur to retrieve Absalom
- Joab senses the problem for the kingdom & the king - intervened
- Joab gets a 'wise' woman from Tekoa. Same word wise as used for Jonadab^{13:3}

The Woman's Conversation

- Woman went to David like Nathan and told a story...
- Started with "I need your help" to gain king's heart
- story of 2 sons, like David's 2 sons...
- David says he will help her⁸; she presses further and asks for more¹¹
- David makes an oath to protect the remaining son
- Woman asks for 1 more thing¹²
- She now applies the story to David's situation with his sons & nation¹³⁻¹⁴
- "isn't it amazing how we can know the forgiveness of God and refuse forgiveness to others? How we can be set free and seek to hold others at arms length from us?"
- Woman reminds David he is king and God's servant to discern good and evil...
- David understood the message – figured Joab was behind it and asks...

The King's Resignation

- The king told Joab to get Absalom... it has been 3 years!
- Absalom comes to Jerusalem but king makes no reconciliation²⁴
- Absalom lives 2 years in Jerusalem with king not talking to him²⁸
- Sends for Joab to resolve, but Joab doesn't answer.
- Absalom sets Joab's fields on fire (drastic like Joab & Samson^{Judges15})
- Absalom asks why come to Jerusalem if I can't see the king - let's resolve this
- Joab gets audience with king³³ for Absalom
- Absalom falls on face before king, the king kissed Absalom – all protocol but no relationship or reconciliation!
- Why has David forgotten the forgiveness that he got from God? Why can't he extend it to his own son?

So What?

- Chp 14 shows us how terrible our world would be if God gave us over^{Rom1:24,26,28}
- No solution will ever be found in earthly king, not matter how godly
- We need someone better than David!
- Hope in prophecy: 1st to David^{2Sam7}; then through Isaiah 11:1-4;9:6-7
- Our hope is in Jesus - the Son of David - the promised One.
- He told stories that had kisses in them... Luke 15:11-20
- That is the kiss that we need! A kiss which restores the relationship
- The Father sent the Son to the Cross to restore us Eph 1:3-10
- We find the kiss we need was made possible by Jesus Christ's work on the cross - by faith we can be fully restored in relationship to our Heavenly Father!