



SERMON NOTES

October 25, 2020

2 Samuel 10

Goodwill, Dignity, and Trust

Why do I need to hear this passage of Scripture?

What's the big idea of this passage?

What are the main takeaways walking through this passage?

What must I do with what I've heard?

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is to make fervent and obedient disciples for Jesus Christ.*

LIVING OUT THE WORD

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CARE: David is the picture of compassion and care as this chapter begins. He sends his servants to console a hostile king—because he lost his father and empathizes with that pain (2). David also shields his servants from embarrassment upon their return (5). How do you console others in their grief? How do you restore dignity to the ashamed?

CULTURE: Don't trust a growing culture of mistrust. When we lose trust in one another in society—when our suspicions of the world detach from God's common grace in humanity and the image of God in others, into a shrinking, tribal loyalty—we act more like the Ammonites than like David (3). How should a church fight against suspicion?

CULTIVATE: We need wisdom in the battle of the Christian life. When we are hemmed in by enemies before us and behind us, what is our move to defend and attack? (6-11) When we see forces gathering for battle, how do we fearlessly bring the battle to them? (15-19) Don't go alone in your Christian battle: fight alongside God's people, together!

AIM: Joab gives Abishai balance: "Be of good courage, and let us be courageous for our people, and for the cities of our God [our works], and may the LORD do what seems good to him [God's control]" (12). Are you prone to laziness (God does what He wants) or to overwork (it all depends on me)? Who balances our works and God's control well?

CELEBRATE: Celebrate the victory that God gives to His King, His Anointed One! God strikes fear into our enemies and causes them to flee before us (13-14); God goes before us to defeat the enemy even when they swell in number and in might (18-19). When has God delivered you from an enemy you were so afraid of?

COMMUNICATE: Throughout the Bible, God rescues His people from their enemies! He led Israel out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; He conquered the mighty nations that threatened Israel, both within and outside the promised land. What enemies has Jesus triumphed over for your salvation?