



## SERMON NOTES

November 22, 2020

2 Samuel 14

*Bringing Back the Banished*

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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**CULTURE:** Joab is close enough to the king to know that David's heart went out to Absalom—in spite of the wrong his son had done. (1) We need to be close enough to each other to be able to read each other's hurts, and we need to care enough to do something to help. Are you staying close with people in church? Close enough to care?

**CULTIVATE:** Joab shows that he's familiar not only with the Law, but also with the power of its stories (like Cain's in Genesis 4) to shape righteous decisions (for the woman and for David). How do the Bible's stories guide the decisions and hard choices you have to make? What stories of the Bible frequently guide you? (2-11)

**CARE:** When the king renders a just decision, he shows care for the widow in his court (8-11). When Joab's role is made known and the king grants his case, Joab thanks the king (21-23). Once the king welcomes Absalom to his court again, Absalom bows down before the king (33). How do you care for others by your decisions for them?

**COMMUNICATE:** The wise woman proclaims a marvelous truth in v. 14: "We must all die ... But God ... devises means so that the banished one will not remain an outcast." That's the good news of the gospel! God saved us from death by devising away to bring us back to Him! Who are the outcasts that He is still rescuing? What about you?

**CELEBRATE:** When the king decides in the woman's favor, she celebrates! (16-17) She even blesses the king—the only time in Scripture that a woman does so. Remember likewise how one leper out of the ten came back to thank Jesus for healing him (Luke 17:11-19)! How are you blessing and thanking those who care for you?

**AIM:** Absalom wants full restoration, not something half-way. It's no reconciliation to be brought back to the same city, but not to see the person's face ever again! Would we be content to enter heaven, but never to gaze upon our Savior? How complete is your forgiveness? As complete as God's is for you? (28-33)