

LONGING FOR A KING



a study in 1 Samuel



Today's Worship Service

PRAISE

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Call To Worship

"Your Grace Is Enough"

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Welcome & Announcements

Psalm 54:4-7

Maher

Redman

Ryan Boyer,

Director of Discipleship & Mission

RENEWAL

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Grace

"Wonderful Merciful Savior"

"Rock of Ages"

Offering

"Better Than Life"

Ryan Boyer

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Rodgers, Wyse

Hastings, Toplady

Ray

PROCLAMATION

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Reading of the Word *1 Samuel 23:1-14 & 24:1-7* Kari DeBerg

Reader: This is God's Word for us today.

All: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. (Psalm 63:3)

"Better Than Life"

Benediction

Ray

Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon Review Discussion Questions

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

David is still on the run in chapters 23 and 24 and his struggle appears far from over. Not only is he still on the run from Saul but he is also directed by God to save the people of Keilah from Philistine invaders. David's trust in the Lord during these events appears to be foolish to the men around him. But it is a reminder to us of how faith in the living God often contradicts worldly wisdom.

Discussion Questions

1. In this week's text, we see examples of David valuing God's steadfast love over his very own life. What are the examples? How does valuing God's love above all things in our own lives shape our character and the way we interact with the world?
2. Valuing God's steadfast love means seeking God's guidance, demonstrating God's mercy, and submitting to God's hand (trusting in his perfect justice). Though we see them from David in this story, how are these things perfectly accomplished in the life of Jesus?
3. David seeks God's guidance when he inquires of the Lord about the city of Keilah (1 Sam. 23:1-4 & 23:9-12). What does it look like for us to be a people who regularly seek God's guidance? Does it differ from how David did it?
4. Another characteristic of the Lord's Anointed is his demonstration of God's mercy. Share about a time where you or someone you knew was shown mercy and it pushed you/them to the Lord. How can we grow individually and corporately in the area of showing others mercy?
5. By not killing Saul in the cave, David submitted himself to God's hand. When you think about times that you have been wronged, how have you been tempted to take matters into your own hands? What injustices do you see in the world that you wish God would 'fix' immediately? What does it mean for us to trust Jesus with these things?

In-Sermon Focus Questions

These questions are designed to keep you engaged during the sermon.

1. How does David respond to the attack of the Philistines on Keilah?
2. What key events happen while David is wandering in the wilderness?
3. When Saul unknowingly finds himself in the same cave as David, what do David's men tell him to do and then what does he do instead?
4. What was the significance of cutting off a corner of Saul's robe?
5. How does Saul respond to David's mercy?

Sermon Notes

Preacher: Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon: Mercy Better Than Life

Scripture: [1 Samuel 23-24](#)

Date: June 16, 2019

For more information on this topic look into:

1&2 Samuel: A 12-Week Study. (Knowing the Bible series) by Ryan Kelly

1 Samuel For You by Tim Chester

1 Samuel: Looking on the Heart by Dale Ralph Davis

Next Week's Sermon Preparation

These questions are for personal use during the week to help you prepare for next week's passage, [1 Samuel 25](#).

Context

1. What has happened so far in the narrative? Have there been any major events, characters, or themes?
2. What has happened just prior to the section you are reading?

Observation

1. What do you learn about the main characters in this section? How does the author describe them? How do they describe themselves?
2. Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
3. Is there a conflict or high point in the passage?
4. Do you think there is a main point or theme in this section of the story?
5. What surprises are there?

Meaning

1. Are there any 'editorial' comments from the author about the events in the narrative? How do these comments illuminate what is happening?
2. Does someone in the narrative learn something or grow in some way? How? What does this person learn?
3. How does the passage point forward to what God is going to do in the future? Does it prophesy or anticipate Jesus Christ in some way?
4. How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

Application

1. How does this passage challenge your understanding about who God is and what he is like?
2. Is there some attitude you need to change?

Adapted from: *One to One Bible Reading, A Simple Guide for Every Christian*
by David Helm (Available at the Grace Book Cart)

Local Partnerships

Get involved in people-focused service opportunities throughout the Racine community. The goal is simple: Engage our community, invest in others, and patiently, lovingly point them to Jesus.

A complete listing of Local Partnerships can be found at the Information Center and at graceinracine.com.

HALO, Meal Maker Program

Local Partnership Leader: Dr. Paul Durbin, pdurbin1@wi.rr.com, 672-0686

HALO is a homeless assistance organization serving Racine County. Grace consistently volunteers the 3rd Sunday of the month. Volunteers arrive at Halo at 4 p.m. and serve until about 6:15 p.m. If you have never served before, contact Paul and he will give you some details in advance. HALO also has a meal train where volunteers can sign-up in advance for supply and service needs.

Royal Family Kids

Local Partnership Leader: Angel Platzer, platzma@yahoo.com, 262-770-4805

Royal Family KIDS-Racine serves children in foster care and in at-risk family situations and offers a number of volunteer activities to adults and teenagers. Volunteer with this summer's Camp! June 23-28, 2019.

Royal Family is taking applications for teen helpers 16-19 and male & female counselors age 18 and older. Contact Angel Platzer to learn how you can get involved.

SelahFreedom House

Local Partnership Leader: Rachel Durfey, rdurfey02@gmail.com, 994-0581

Selah Freedom is a national organization that helps survivors of sex trafficking. Grace is partnering with a recovery facility that Selah Freedom has constructed in our area. Partner volunteers can serve at Selah on Care teams (academics; life skills including cooking, baking, housekeeping, parenting, budgeting; hobbies like knitting, gardening, art, jewelry making) • Transportation teams (take survivors to appointments) • Awareness teams (community booths, speaker's bureau, marketing, graphic design) • Administration • Fundraising • Internships.

Happy Father's Day!

We give thanks and celebrate all of our Dad's today! We also recognize that this might be a painful day for some. Please know that Jesus is with you today, no matter what circumstance you're facing. We invite you to come down for prayer after the service - we'd love to encourage you and pray with you!

Membership & Baptism Class

Put down roots, grow in your faith, become a part of the family! We'd love to have you join us in membership at Grace.

- Meets: Saturday, June 22, 9am-Noon
- Next Baptism Opportunity:
Sunday, July 14th
- Register at graceinracine.com

Vacation Bible School Countdown...

8 days until VBS!!

June 24 - 28, 9am - Noon

Registration is now open at graceinracine.com/vbs/!

Register your child for VBS and encourage others to attend as well. VBS is for kids who have **COMPLETED** grades K - 5 in 2019.

Sunday Morning Refreshments!

We are in need of life groups/families/group of friends to provide and serve treats on Sunday mornings on the following dates:

JULY 28, AUG. 25, SEPT. 22, OCT. 27, NOV. 24, DEC. 22.

Contact Diana Nelson if available.
diana.nelson54@sbcglobal.net

If you have something that is weighing you down today, please come down front and we will pray with you. You can also share your request on the connection card and our prayer team will lift you up to the Lord.

*Are you hurting? Everyone needs help from time to time. We're here to help.
Contact the Care Team at 632.2111, care@graceinracine.com*

Due to the size of our church, we're not always aware of every need. Please help us by sending life updates to care@graceinracine.com. We would love to encourage you and pray.

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Kay Cooper

Last Week: Sanctuary Attendance: 535 Children's Ministry Attendance: 74

Giving: Last Week: \$25,383 YTD: \$705,542 +/- Budget: -\$37,598