

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

“Who You Say I Am”

Welcome

John 10:27-28

Fielding, Morgan

Josh Poore, Director of Worship Arts

RENEWAL

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

Celebration of Baptisms

“Better Than Life”

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Offering

Ray

Habershon, Merker

PROCLAMATION

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

Reading of the Word

1 Samuel 27:1-28:2

Amos Beernink

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)

“Jesus At The Center”

Benediction

Houghton, Massey, Ranney

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.

As we return to 1 Samuel we witness David and his behavior out of step with his role as the LORD's anointed. As we see this divergent image of David when compared to the composite image previously established in this book, let's consider what we can learn from David's mistakes and rejoice in God's providing us with perfect Anointed One who came to redeem us.

Discussion Questions

1. What happened in the previous section of 1 Samuel? How does chapter twenty-seven build upon the previous interaction with Saul?
2. How does David make the decision to flee to Philistia? In what ways is this different from David's typical decision-making process? Why is David's decision to go to the land of the Philistines seem odd to us as readers?
3. Why might it seem that David's decision to go to Gath was a good one? How can positive results sometimes misguide our discernment of what is right and wrong?
4. What are the implications of David's raids upon the various peoples? How does the author clue us in to the fact that David's behavior was not in step with God's will?
5. Was David's deceitfulness permissible given the outcome? How are we to rightly process and answer the question, “Does the end justify the means?”?
6. How are we to rightly understand and process this episode in David's life as the LORD's anointed? In what way does this help us to see the person and work of Christ in the overarching narrative of Scripture?

In-Sermon Focus Questions

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

1. What are some of the events that have happened thus far in 1 Samuel?
2. Where does David get the idea to escape? Where does he go and what is the significance of this place?
3. What was David doing in the land of the Philistines?
4. Though things may have worked out initially for David, what dilemma did he find himself in?
5. Even though this passage ends on a cliffhanger, what can we glean from this story?

Sermon Notes

Preacher: Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon: When Faith Falters

Scripture: [1 Samuel 27:1-28:2](#)

Date: July 14, 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 28:3-25](#).

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?

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by David Helm (Available at the Grace Book Cart)

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Neftali and Alyssa Rubio are serving in Guadalajara, Mexico with Commission to Every Nation. Neftali is a pastor in their local church where they both also lead worship, are youth directors and disciple families in the community. Alyssa grew up at Grace Church and met Neftali at Word of Life Bible Institute in Argentina.

Pray for the Rubios:

- For better health for Neftali
- For God to continue to open hearts in their community



Celebrating those Baptized!
Let's celebrate together the baptism of:
Hannah Beernink & Clyde Diedrick

Donations Needed: Flip Flops

Donate new or slightly used flip flops of all sizes colors to be taken to South Africa in August by the team visiting the Rebros.

Drop-in boxes in main entryways.

Fall Care Group for Women:
"The Journey Begins"

The stories of our lives can be marked by pain, trauma, and shame. Yet there is hope for healing, redemption, and purpose in God. We invite you to join a care group in the fall called "The Journey Begins". This group is designed to help you grow closer to God by exploring your past and discovering the truth of who you were meant to be as God redeems your story. This 9-week group meets on Thursdays starting in September. For more information contact Gayle Manske at gaylemanske@att.net.



CAN YOU HELP?

We are in need of raffle prizes for our 2019 Block Party. Gift cards, new items, gift baskets, and handmade crafts are a few ideas.

Contact Linda Martinich at 262-497-8797 or lindajanemartinich@gmail.com if you are able to donate a raffle prize for this event . Donations can be dropped off at the church office .

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Jim Anspaugh, Roger Blair

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.

Last Week: Sanctuary Attendance: 560 Children's Ministry Attendance: 30

Giving: Last Week: \$30,710 YTD: \$829,249 +/- Budget: -\$40,424