

2 Samuel 10:1-19

May the Lord Do What Seems Good to Him

David was a thoughtful king. He had power, but he used his power to point people to the Lord. He used his power to bless and give to others; and, he used his power to bring comfort.

Are you thoughtful about God and others?

Do you bless others and give to others?

Do you bring comfort and encouragement to others?

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Vs 1-5- David was winning wars and he was dominating the Syrian Kingdom.

When things are going well, we sometimes get comfortable. This comfort in life and not paying attention to God would lead to David falling.

Are you comfortable in life and lax, or are you clinging to Jesus?

David knew that Hanun had lost his father. His father had dealt honorably with David in 1 Samuel. David treated Mephibosheth with honor and he also wanted to treat Hanun with honor.

It makes sense that these men worried that David had sent his men to be spies. David actually had in his mind to be a blessing.

Do you sometimes have self-talk in your head about someone that may or may not be true? That is happening here. David wants what is good, but they assume there is something bad from him and it gets them in trouble.

If you have negative self-talk in your head, it is best to go directly to that person and ask them if there is an issue or problem.

The Ammonites disgraced David's ambassadors.

David let them stay in Jericho to save face for them and let their beards grow back.

This self-talk was about to cause big problems for David's new enemies.

Vs 6-8 When you become a stench in someone's nose, there are three ways to move forward.

1. Prepare to fight
2. Do nothing
3. Take responsibility and humbly apologize

Which do you do?

When you do someone wrong, do you try to make up?

When you do someone wrong, do you ignore it thinking you did not hurt someone?

Or, do you say you're sorry and be accountable?

Matthew 6:15 *but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

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Instead of trying to make up with David, the Ammonites hired soldiers and prepared for war.

Vs 9-14 It is not good to fight against God or God's people.

Joab had a plan to work together. Both sides would help each other and trust each other.

Do you team up well with other people of God? You are stronger with others and you can trust God and others to be there with you and for you.

Vs 15-19 God's people win when they seek after God and trust God.

This war and these lives could have been spared if they had just talked about what had happened.

What fight are you in that you just need to talk it out? With Gods help, are you willing to do this or do you just want to keep fighting?

Lords Supper-

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.