

David Part 9 | The Tale Of Two Kings | Pastor Steve Wells | 09.29.2019

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**Memory Verse:** Proverbs 3:6 (NLT)

“Seek his will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.”

**2 Samuel 2:1-11** (King David & King Ishboseth)

- What emotions do you think David felt when Ishboseth became king over all the territories of Israel and David was only King over the territory of Judah?
- Who appointed Ishboseth King?

David and Abner have some ‘bad blood’ between them. (Read: **1 Samuel 26:7-17**)

- Why do you think David taunted Abner?
- How do you think Abner felt about David? Do you think he held a “grudge” against David after this?
- Has anyone ever taunted you or try to embarrass you in front of your boss, parent, superior, or friends?
  - How did you feel? What did you do?
  - Did you hold onto those feelings? How long? What changed (if it did)?
- Have you ever done that to someone else? Why did you--or if you have seen someone else act this way...why did they?

**2 Samuel 2:12-32**

- At this time, there is a war between Israel--King Ishboseth **and** Judah--King David. Abner is the leader in King Ishboseth’s army. While Joab is the leader in King David’s army (Joab later becomes the commander in 1 Chronicles 11:6). During one battle Abner kills Asahel – Joab’s brother.
- Do you think Abner was still harboring resentment toward David at the battle?
- How do you think Abner felt after being defeated by David’s Army--and Joab?
- How was Abner feeling when being chased by Asahel?
  - Did Abner want to kill Asahel?
- How did Joab and his brother feel about the death of Asahel? What did they do?
- How did Abner react to Joab’s retaliation?
  - What was the result?
  - Have you ever convinced someone to stop fighting you-physically or verbally?

**2 Samuel 3:6-38**

- How did Abner react to Ishboseth’s accusations?
- How do you think Abner felt reaching out to David?
  - How do you think David felt when he heard from Abner?
- Why do you think David requested his wife Michal back?
  - How do you think Michal felt hearing she was going back to David? How did her husband feel?
- How did Joab react to Abner’s visit?
  - How did David react to Joab’s actions?
- Why do you think David mourned the death of Abner? Were you surprised he mourned Abner?
- How did the people react to Abner’s death and King David’s reaction to Abner’s death?

**2 Samuel 4:1-12**

- Why did Baanah and Recab kill Ishboseth?
- How do you think Baanah and Recab expected David to react?
  - How did David react to Ishboseth’s death?
- Have you ever done something you thought would please someone else only to find out they were not happy?
  - How did you feel? What did you do once you knew they were unhappy?
- Why do you think David reacted the way he did to the news of the death of Saul and Ishboseth?

David relied on God to save him from all his enemies (2 Samuel 4:9). He did not approve of the killings of Saul and his family.

- Do you rely on God to save you from all of your enemies? Or do you try to solve your problems yourself?