



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of July 11 & 12, 2020

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

2 Samuel 22:1-51

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Summary

As King David reflects upon his long and eventful life, he recognizes that throughout his many ups and downs, Yahweh has been at the heart of it all. David recognizes that God alone has brought him salvation, and will show steadfast love to him and his offspring forever.

Discussion Questions

1. As 2 Samuel comes to a close, David reflects upon his life in the form of a song. Think about your own life. If it were to end tomorrow, what kind of life song would you sing? What themes would your song include? How would Yahweh be included in your song? Would your song be a song of faith, hope, and love? Or something else? Either way, ask yourself why?
2. King David knew God as his own...my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, my God, my shield, my stronghold, my refuge, my savior. Explain the difference between knowing theology (the study of God) and knowing God Himself. Reflect on the following question before answering...How do *you* know God? Do you know more about God than truly knowing Him as your God?

3. *“Any preacher that promises a pain free life is a liar.”* What role does pain, fear, suffering, and even death play in the writing of your life song? Is it the defining character in your song? Or does it play a supporting role to something or SOMEONE greater? How does David’s song inspire you to perhaps change your perspective on your pain and suffering?
4. It is not sinless perfection, but rather, a sincere faith that results in righteous living that will allow us, like the Apostle Paul, to say, *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”* Reflect on your own life, how are you doing spiritually? Do you have a genuine sincere faith that results in a changed life before your God? Ask your family how you are doing - what would they say? 2 Corinthians 13:5 says, *“Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!”*
5. David’s life song looks forward to a greater coming King, Jesus Christ. In some ways, David’s song actually suits Jesus Christ better than David himself. In like manner, Romans 8:29 says that we as Christians have been *“predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.”* Like David we are not perfect, we have all made mistakes. The question is, are you being conformed to the image of God’s Son Jesus Christ? Are you becoming more and more like Christ? Is Jesus so reflected in your life that when your sojourn on this earth ends, will your song, like David’s, be sung to the praise and glory of God?