

DAVID – SHAPING OF SHEPHERD PART 10
“THE PROBLEM WITH POWER”
SCRIPTURE: 2 SAMUEL 24
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INTRODUCTION

- David's heart was shaped in obscurity and solitude.
- David experienced Failure and Redemption.
- Last week we learned about Absalom. David's private failure has public consequences.
- This week we will talk about David in the final years of his life.

I. DAVID'S NEXT MISTAKE

- David takes a Census of the people – Vss. 1-9
- This is David forgetting who the real King is.
- 2 Samuel 24:10, "...he said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly by taking this census. Please forgive my guilt..."
- Vss. 11-13 – The prophet Gad gives a choice: Plague, Famine, or Flee
- 2 Samuel 24:14b, "...But let us fall into the hands of the LORD, for His mercy is great."
- Sin has consequences. And far too often our sin hurts those that we have been trusted to protect.
- 2 Samuel 24:15-17 - When we confess our failure and take responsibility, we can begin to heal the damage that's been done.
- We don't worship to invoke mercy; we worship because mercy has already come.

II. GRACE ONCE AGAIN

- 2 Samuel 24:18-23 - David obeys the prophet Gad and climbs Mount Moriah to make a sacrifice for his failure.
- Araunah offers his threshing floor to David.

- 2 Samuel 24:24b, "For I will not present burnt offerings to the LORD my God that have cost me nothing."
- God's providence weaves David's failure into a redemptive picture, pointing to Jesus and the greatest act of mercy and grace the world has ever known.
- God took David's failure and eventually transformed it into something that would bring hope and life.
- Failure isn't final until we refuse to do what is right.
- 1 Chronicles 21:24, "But King David replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on buying it for the full price..."
- True worship will always cost us something!
- When mercy rewrites our story, worship becomes our offering.

III. GENEROSITY AS WORSHIP

- Everything comes from God, belongs to God, and will someday be returned to God.
- Worship is, at its core, an act of giving.
- God is always concerned with the heart.
- Two Things about Generosity:
 - We have to decide who owns what we have.
 - We have to pre-determine what we will do with what we have been entrusted with.
- In its simplest form, Generosity is an issue of the heart.
- Matthew 6:19-21, "...²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."

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- Psalm 145:14-17, "...¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in everything He does; He is filled with kindness."
- David's story is the story of the unresolved tension between grace and the law.
- Jesus resolves that tension by giving up His own life and commands us as His followers to be generous, back toward Him and others with what has always been His.