

Bringing the Banished Home

2 Samuel 14

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*"We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek..."
—Wendell Kimbrough*

1.) Sin Leads to Banishment and That Is a Problem

A.) Amnon is Banished From The Land of the Living

2 Samuel 13:32-33 NKJV— "**32** Then Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother, answered and said, "Let not my lord suppose they have killed all the young men, the king's sons, for only Amnon is dead...For only Amnon is dead."

2 Samuel 13:39 NKJV— "...concerning Amnon, because he was dead."

B.) Absalom is Banished From the Land of Promise

Verse 29, "all the king's sons got on their mule and fled"

Verse 37, "But Absalom fled ..."

Verse 38, "So Absalom fled..."

Application:

1.) Evil Does Not Sanction Evil

Romans 12:21 NKJV— "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

1 Peter 3:9 NKJV— *"not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing"*

1 Samuel 24:17 NKJV— *"You are more righteous than I; for you have rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil."*

Romans 12:19 NKJV— *"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord,"*

1 Peter 2:23 NKJV— *"who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously."*

*"We were locked out of the garden,
and our backs bent down with pain
In the shadow of death's darkness,
we were slaves to sin and blame."*

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2.) We Are Not Home

2.) The Lord Makes a Way To Bring the Banished Back

2 Samuel 13:39-14:1 NKJV - 39 And King David longed to go to Absalom. For he had been comforted concerning Amnon, because he was dead. 14:1 So Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was concerned about Absalom.

2 Samuel 14:7-10 NKJV - 7 "And now the whole family has risen up against your maidservant, and they said, 'Deliver him who struck his brother, that we may execute him for the life of his brother whom he killed; and we will destroy the heir also.' So they would extinguish my ember that is left, and leave to my husband neither name nor remnant on the earth." 8 Then the king said to the woman, "Go to your house, and I will give orders concerning you." 9 And the woman of Tekoa said to the king, "My lord, O king, let the iniquity be on me and on my father's house, and the king and his throne be guiltless." 10 So the

king said, "Whoever says anything to you, bring him to me, and he shall not touch you anymore."

2 Samuel 14:11 NKJV— "Then she said, "Please let the king remember the Lord your God, and do not permit the avenger of blood to destroy anymore, lest they destroy my son. And he said, "As the Lord lives, not one hair of your son shall fall to the ground."

2 Samuel 14:13-14 NKJV - 13 So the woman said: "Why then have you schemed such a thing against the people of God? For the king speaks this thing as one who is guilty, in that the king does not bring his banished one home again. 14 "For we will surely die and become like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. Yet God does not take away a life; but He devises means, so that His banished ones are not expelled from Him.

2 Samuel 14:32 NKJV - 32 And Absalom answered Joab, "Look, I sent to you, saying, 'Come here, so that I may send you to the king, to say, "Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me to be there still." ' Now therefore, let me see the king's face; but if there is iniquity in me, let him execute me."

A.) David is a Counter Example of Bringing the Banished Back

i.) Joab is the One at Work

ii.) The Allusion to Jonathan in 1 Samuel 14:45.

1 Samuel 14:45 NKJV— "But the people said to Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, who has accomplished this great deliverance in Israel? Certainly not! As the Lord lives, not one hair of his head shall fall to the ground for he has worked with God this day." So the people rescued Jonathan, and he did not die."

iii.) The Clear Indictment of David from the woman in 2 Samuel 14:12-13

iv.) The Example of the Woman Who Pleads with David on Behalf of Her Own Son's Life

v.) David's Lack of Use of the Word for Son in verse 21.

2 Samuel 14:21 NKJV - 21 And the king said to Joab, "All right, I have granted this thing. Go therefore, bring back the young man Absalom."

vi.) The Episode Concludes with a Cold Formality and a Deafening Silence.

2 Samuel 14:33 NKJV - "...And when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king. Then the king kissed Absalom."

B.) David is a Contrast to the Lord Who Brings the Banished Back

i.) This is Stated in Our Passage in Verse 14.

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Romans 7:24 NKJV— "...Who will deliver me from this body of death?"

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ii.) This is Illustrated For Us In the Rest of the Bible.

Genesis 33:4, "But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept"

Genesis 45:14-15, "Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept...Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them..."

Application: Which Will You Believe, Your Dull Heart of Your Father's Precious Promise?

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*In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears
Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!"
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