

THE KING

IS BACK ON THE THRONE

[2 Samuel 19:8-43]

1. Following man inevitably leads to chaos and quarrels, so **STICK** with **JESUS**. (1 Samuel 8:5; Psalm 118:8-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 2 Timothy 4:3; John 15:5; Joshua 24:15; Proverbs 14:12; Galatians 1:9-10)
2. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live **PEACEABLY** with **ALL** (Rom.12:18). (Romans 12:16-21; Hebrews 12:14; James 3:18; Matthew 5:9; Ephesians 4:17-32, Colossians 3:13)
3. Regardless of what we have done, Jesus offers **FORGIVENESS** for those who acknowledge and confess their sin with a **REPENTANT** heart. (1 John 1:9; Isaiah 1:18, 43:25; Acts 2:38, 3:19; Psalm 32:5, 86:5; Hebrews 8:12, 10:17; Proverbs 28:13)
4. When Jesus is on the throne of your life, so much in this world is just **NOT** that **IMPORTANT**. (Matthew 6:19-21, 33; Luke 12:15; 1 Timothy 6:10, 17-19; 1 John 2:16; Proverbs 15:16; Hebrews 13:5)
5. Instead of seeking power and prestige, be **CONTENT** to live humble, **GENEROUS**, others-focused lives. (Philippians 2:3-5; Romans 12:10; 1 Corinthians 10:24; 1 Timothy 6:6; Mark 10:45; Philippians 4:14-19)
6. Counting and comparing amongst brothers and sisters can lead to **STRIFE** and **DIVISION**. (2 Corinthians 10:12, 17-18; Galatians 6:4; Colossians 3:23; Numbers 13; 1 Corinthians 4:7)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What was the source of the disputes and arguments between the people of Israel and the people of Judah (vv.8-15, 41-43)? What do we learn from David regarding how to handle such disputes and conflicts within a group, family, or even a church? (Keep in mind, the dispute was between tribes of brothers.)
3. What had Shimei previously done against David? How did David respond to Shimei in this chapter? What lessons / applications do we glean from how David treated Shimei? What do we learn about the forgiveness Jesus offers us?
4. In a world where we are pressured to seek / strive for more stuff, we hear Mephibosheth conclude (v.30, paraphrased) - I don't need a dime David, as long as you are king! In what ways can rewards, possessions, and pursuits in this world distract us from our loyalty and commitment to Christ? How do we keep our possessions (or the pursuit of them) from 'possessing us'?
5. Had Barzillai been younger, he probably would have gone with David back to Jerusalem, but he knew his limitations - and he was content. Later on, David would say this about Barzillai and his sons: "They stood by me..." (1 Kings 2:7). What does true loyalty look like? What can we practically do (regardless of our age or lot in life) to 'stand by' someone in their time(s) of need?