

A TALE OF TWO KINGS

[2 Samuel 2:1-11]

1. When we need direction and wisdom from the Lord the most, **SEEK HIM!** (*James 1:5; Hebrews 4:16; Isaiah 41:10; Philippians 4:6-7,13; Proverbs 2:6,8:17; Psalm 55:22; Matthew 11:28-30; Luke 11:9-10*)
2. Even before you ask God for direction, be ready to **OBEY**. (*2 Corinthians 10:5; John 14:15, 15:14; 1 John 5:3; Luke 6:46, 11:28; James 1:22-25; Isaiah 1:19; Jeremiah 7:23*)
3. Partial **OBEDIENCE** is **DISOBEDIENCE**. (*1 Samuel 15; Leviticus 10:1-4; Exodus 19:5; Deuteronomy 28:1*)
4. God is the One who sets us **APART** (not we ourselves.) (*Proverbs 4:20-22; 1 Samuel 3:10; Ephesians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 3:5; Jeremiah 1:5; Romans 1:1, 12:2; John 15:19; Psalm 4:3; Colossians 3:12-13*)
5. It is honorable for us to go **OUT** of our **WAY** to do something honorable for someone who has done something honorable. (*1 Samuel 2:30; Romans 12:10; Hebrews 3:13, 10:24, 13:18; Philippians 2:3-4; Luke 6:31; 1 Thessalonians 4:18, 5:11; Ephesians 4:29*)
6. Going against God's **WILL** and taking something by **FORCING** something to happen is never the right thing to do. (*Proverbs 3:5-6, 16:9; Luke 22:42; Zechariah 4:6; Romans 8:28; Psalm 16:11, 32:8*)



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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. We are not sure how God specifically answered David's prayer, but we do get the impression that this was not a 'quick prayer David threw up to God'; he inquired of God, and God spoke; he inquired of God again, and God spoke again, this time with more details. In what ways do we hear from God? What do we do that prevents us from hearing Him speak to us? How can we 'set the conditions' to better receive from Him when we seek Him?
3. When told by God to go to Hebron, David didn't just go on a recon mission - he took his family and all the men who were with him and their households - you could say that David was 'all in.' In what ways might you be holding back / holding out / not fully surrendering to the Lord something in your life and plans? What do you need to give Him?
4. David went 'out of his way' to bless the men of Jabesh Gilead for the honorable burial they had given Saul. David prayed for them and made a promise to do good to them. Why was it important for David to do this? In what ways can we do something similar today? How can we encourage others without fostering a desire in others for the praise of man?
5. Abner took it upon himself to set apart Ish-Bosheth as king, but God had already set David apart as the future king (a long time prior to this.) Do you think of God as having set you apart for Himself? Why or why not? How can the concept of being set apart for God make a difference in your daily life and outlook?
6. Describe the ways we have 'seen Jesus' in these 11 verses.