

Disciple's Quest

If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.

John 8:31



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Tragedy, Trouble, Treachery and Tribulation

2 Samuel 13-15

Outline:

Overview of chapters 13-15

Three lessons:

1. Choose your friends wisely - As the people of God, the test for those we elevate to the status of a true friend is simple and consists of two questions:

Does this potential friend also know and love Jesus - (Is he a believer?)

Can we encourage each other in our walk with the Lord?

2. Be Intentional and proactive in your relationships with your unbelieving or straying loved ones.

Three guidelines for intervening for their spiritual good:

- When you intervene, be intentionally prayerful
- Focus your counsel on the truth of Scripture and then leave the convicting to the Holy Spirit
- Be persistently loving and never argumentative

3. Four things to do when we're overtaken by adversity:

- Be humble
- Act wisely
- Fully trust in God to bring about the outcome that's right
- Worship God in the midst of the storm

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 Why is it so important for believers to choose their friends wisely?

It has been said that for a Christian, a true friend is someone who can help me in my walk with the Lord. Do you agree? Why or why not?

How can you be a true friend to a brother or sister in Christ?

#2 Why is it important to be proactive in our relationships with our straying and/or unbelieving loved ones?

Why can it seem so difficult at times to talk to a straying or unbelieving loved one about the Lord?

How can this apprehension be overcome?

#3 Read 2 Samuel 15:25-26. Why do you think that David was able to say what he did to Zadok with such conviction?

#4 Why is it important to intentionally worship God during times of adversity?