

Sunday Sermon Guide

Central Baptist Church – Crockett, Texas

August 23, 2026 – Sent by the King: The Servant King

Main Passage: Matthew 12:15–21

Main Idea:

Jesus is gentle enough to receive the wounded, powerful enough to bring justice to victory, and worthy of all our hope.

1) The Servant King Is Governed by the Father’s Purpose **(Matthew 12:15–17)**

Supporting Scriptures: *John 6:38; John 10:17–18; Acts 2:23*

- Jesus withdraws because He follows the Father’s timing, not because His enemies are stronger.
- Jesus refuses to let the crowd redefine His mission;
- Faithfulness asks what keeps us obedient to the Father.

2) The Servant King Does Not Need to Advertise His Power (Matthew 12:18–19)

Supporting Scriptures: *Isaiah 42:1–4; Philippians 2:5–8; 2 Timothy 2:24–25*

- Jesus serves from the security of the Father’s love, not for the approval of the crowd.
- Secure strength speaks truth courageously and gently without spectacle, manipulation, or intimidation.

3) The Servant King Is Gentle with Wounded People **(Matthew 12:20)**

Supporting Scriptures: *Isaiah 40:11; Psalm 147:3; Galatians 6:1–2*

- A bruised reed and a smoldering wick picture lives that are weak, damaged, and nearly spent.
- Jesus does not confuse weakness with worthlessness; His people support what He is restoring, not crush it.

4) The Servant King Will Finish His Mission (Matthew 12:20–21)

Supporting Scriptures: *Isaiah 53:5; John 19:30; Revelation 5:9–10*

- Jesus is gentle, but He is not passive: He continues until justice is led to victory.
- The cross became victory over sin and death; the whole weight of our hope can rest on Jesus.

Takeaways

- The Servant King moves according to the Father's purpose, not the crowd's pressure.
- Secure strength does not need a spectacle; it can speak truth with courage and gentleness.
- Jesus does not discard bruised reeds or extinguish smoldering wicks.
- God calls us to use our strength to restore wounded people, not crush them.
- The nations can place their hope in Jesus because His mission ends in victory.

Questions for Reflection

1. Where am I letting the pressure of other people direct me instead of the Father's purpose?
2. What weakness, wound, or fading part of my faith have I been hiding from Jesus?
3. Who is a bruised reed near me, and how can I support what Jesus is restoring in that person?
4. Do my words—especially when I disagree—reflect the courage and gentleness of the Servant King?
5. What earthly support am I asking to carry the hope that only Jesus can bear, and what would surrender look like this week?

Bottom Line

Jesus is gentle enough to receive the wounded, powerful enough to bring justice to victory, and worthy of all our hope.

"A smoldering wick is still a wick, and Jesus knows how to breathe life into what seems ready to go out."

"The gentleness of Jesus invites you to come, and the victory of Jesus gives you reason to trust Him."