

## II Samuel 19-20 –26 May 2022

### “Second Chances”

#### Introduction

- \*II Samuel – depicts the entire reign of King David
- \*Chap 11-12 we saw David’s great sin & cover-up
- \*Chap 13-18 we saw story of Absalom, but it’s really story of David’s sins of omission & his loyal friends
- \*Now Absalom’s rebellion is ended & David has returned to Jerusalem
- \*This is a time of second chances for everyone
- \*All chose sides, they showed their loyalty...or not
- \*Many people that acted for or against David while he had no power on the run, now have to react to David being back in power
- \*David also, how will he act with another chance at ruling the nation & pointing all to Christ Jesus?
- \*Today, here’s 7 questions to ask yourself regarding, how do you handle second changes**

# **1<sup>st</sup> question: Do you see the chance to correct relationships? (Chap 19:1-7)**

Read Chap 19:1-4

1. If you're focused on the wrong thing, you can miss the chance for reconciliation
2. When sin is torn from our life it can hurt, but we need to turn our eyes onto pure godly things

Read Vs 5-7

1. Joab's advice to mourning David is to consider the living not the dead
  - a. Consider the lives spared, don't consider the sinful path that was put to death
  - b. Connect your heart to the godly, not to the sinners
2. David has a wonderful chance here to rekindle godly relationships with the people of the land, but he has to get beyond his loss to do it

## **2<sup>nd</sup> question: Do you see the chance at peace? (Chap 19:8-15)**

Read Chap 19:8-10

1. The people were confused & nervous as to how David would now treat them
2. Prime time for David to build bridges of peace

Read Vs 11-15

1. Judah is hesitant to recognize David as king until David decided to make Amasa general in place of Joab
2. Call it an olive branch but peace doesn't just happen – someone has to initiate it

### **3<sup>rd</sup> question: Do you see the chance to be gracious? (Chap 19:16-23)**

Read Chap 19:16-20

1. Shimei doesn't waste his 2<sup>nd</sup> chance
2. He wants to repent & ask for forgiveness
3. He apologizes for cursing David as he left the throne

Read Vs 21-23

1. In spite of Abishai, David shows grace to Shimei
2. Justice can be had everywhere, but grace has the opportunity to change a heart & a life

## **4<sup>th</sup> question: Do you see the chance to show love? (Chap 19:24-30)**

Read Chap 19:24

1. Let you light so shine before men that they see your good works & glorify your Father
2. Mephibosheth looked like a mourner – “we are living epistles known & read of all men
3. Mephibosheth’s dedication to David is evident

Read Vs 25-28

1. Mephibosheth explains why he didn’t physically follow after David, but IS loyal
2. M knows he’s already got more than deserved

Read Vs 29-30

1. M isn’t concerned with the “stuff” but just with having his lord the king back
2. M could be mad b/c he stuff is being taken, but his love of the king is greater than his love of stuff
3. Solomon learned “cut the baby in 1/2” here

## **5<sup>th</sup> question: Do you see the chance to bless others? (Chap 19:31-39)**

Read Chap 19:31-32

1. Barzillai helped David at a time he needed it
2. Now upon the 2<sup>nd</sup> chance meeting, David wants to show his thanks
3. He blessed David earlier b/c it was right, NOT b/c it helped him in any way

Read Vs 33-35

1. Barzillai is very self-aware, humble
2. Would be waste to put physical blessings in him

Read Vs 36-39

1. David seeks to bless Barzillai for his help, but he refuses politely only asking that his servant Chimham is blessed instead
2. How many of us upon getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance would use it to bless others & not self?

## **6<sup>th</sup> question: Do you see vulnerability for selfish gain? (Chap 19:40-20:3)**

Read Chap 19:40-43

1. The dispute of who 1<sup>st</sup> asked David to come back (Judah or Israel) leads to Sheba's rebellion
2. Many of these same men had no problem deserting David for Absalom
3. So there's still weakness here in Israel
  - a. How do you handle 2<sup>nd</sup> chances in which you have the power to manipulate things?

Read Chap 20:1-2

1. This was a great chance to ask, "What's God's will for me? Whom does God want as my king?"
2. Our will is irrelevant, to God's declared will
3. Use our 2<sup>nd</sup> chances for godliness, not selfishness

Read Chap 20:3

1. Caring for these women the concubines

## **7<sup>th</sup> question: Do you see a chance at self-righteousness? (Chap 20:4-26)**

Read Chap 20:4-10

1. Amasa squanders his 2<sup>nd</sup> chance w/ laziness
2. Amasa's sloppy delay gave Joab the chance to take back his position as general

Read Vs 11-13

1. They move and cover dying Amasa to not distract the soldiers from marching to Sheba
2. Joab's using his 2<sup>nd</sup> chance to do king's will

Read Vs 14-22

1. Joab's army was besieging the city ready to destroy it if needed to get Sheba
2. This wise woman knew how to prevent war and civil war at that
3. Deut 20:10: you should offer city terms of peace
4. Joab's sloppy attack is corrected by a women

Read Vs 23-26 – Historical Note

## Conclusion

Changes come in the blink of an eye, sometimes raising you into power & control, sometimes bringing you out of power & control & under the mercy of others. Question is: how do you use your 2<sup>nd</sup> chances

- 1. Do you see the chance to correct relationships?**
- 2. Do you see the chance at peace?**
  - a. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> chance is a chance to improve the lives of others....and yourself
- 3. Do you see the chance to be gracious?**
- 4. Do you see the chance to show love?**
  - a. Grace & love now can cover hurts from the past
- 5. Do you see the chance to bless others?**
- 6. Do you see vulnerability & seek your own gain?**
- 7. Do you see a chance at self-righteousness?**
  - a. Just about the moment we try taking advantage of a situation, we can be sure someone will be trying that back on us

The best chance at a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance is to offer selfless love