

POTW

A Son's Rebellion 2 Sam 15-17

Chapter 15 reveals one of the few times to imitate what you see your enemy doing

15:1-6 How to steal (or win) the hearts of people (vs 6, 13)

- Look successful vs 1
- Get up early vs 2
- Be where the people are vs 2 (Job of a pastor in my course...)
- Ask questions vs 2 (the person in charge of a conversation...)
- Validate what you hear vs 3
- Offer yourself to help vs 4
- Be humble and affectionate vs 5
- Do it with patience for a long time vs 7

Luke 16:8-9 And it is true that the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with the world around them than are the children of the light. ⁹Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home

Chapter 15

Endowment to find out of there is a God...3 fingerprints

Symbolic numbers: (Go over list of numbers and their meaning in the Bible)

1. God
2. Testimony
3. Trinity/DBR
4. Entirety
5. Atonement
6. Man (incomplete)
7. God (complete)
8. New Beginnings
9. Judgment
10. Community
11. New Community
12. Testing
- 144,000. Super Community

Captivity in Babylon 70 years (10x7)

Moses's life (40x3)

Numbers in this passage:

Vs 7-4 years-entirety

vs 16: 10 concubines....the number of judgment

Vs 18 600 10x10 compounded judgment, but not completely defeated (6)

Keep list and note numbers when you read the Bible

Symbolic Places:

Vs 23 Kidron Valley and Wilderness (Gethsemane and testing-40)

Vs 25 and 26: The Ark-Not obligating God to your agenda. "Just cuz God is with you doesn't mean God is with you, if you know what I mean".

EXAMPLES:

Church in parking lot waiting for the 2nd coming

Divorce

TS-17: 1-4 The plan is to kill David. (So disturbing. Royal families in Britain. North Korea and his brother) David is in an environment of opposition...

Chapter 16-17 Three lessons to remember when you are in an environment of opposition:

1. Beware of those who throw others under the bus. 16:3-4

Vs 3-4 When division happens people work both sides and throw others under the bus. Look for those and beware of them. Agenda is clear at the end

of vs 4. Ahithophel is an example of this./suicide

-Those who gossip to you, will gossip of you.

2. There is a kernel of truth in every criticism 16:9-14.

"You are a lousy friend"-Dave A

Take the kernel and ignore the rest. David was modeling this in a powerful way in this passage.

If you are right you don't need to defend yourself. If you are wrong, you have no defense. Defensiveness is never appropriate for a Christ Follower.

3. We are prone to listen to what we want to hear 17:14

Think about those in the world but it is the church every bit as much (itching ears 2 Timothy 4:3):

- People want to be convicting messages as long as your talking about someone else they think is wrong.

- People want challenging messages as long as your challenging someone else. Or something they already don't like. Challenge them to give up something they love and watch what happens.

People are people wherever they are. When you are in an environment of opposition, learn from David here. His choices helped get him into this mess, but his humility and clinging to God got him through it.

Throwing Chase into the ceiling by accident: we look into the face of our father to gauge our responses by the expression on his face. He does not have worry on His face when he looks at you.

He is your glory and the lifter of your head.

Pray