

# COVENANT

THE PURSUIT OF GOD

Abishai and David  
2 Samuel 21:14-17



## **2Samuel 21:**

**14 They buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in Zela, in the grave of Kish his father; thus they did all that the king commanded, and after that God was moved by prayer for the land. 15 Now when the Philistines were at war again with Israel, David went down and his servants with him; and as they fought against the Philistines, David became**



## 2 Samuel 21:

weary. 16 Then Ishbi-benob, who was among the descendants of the giant, the weight of whose spear was three hundred shekels of bronze in weight, was girded with a new sword, and he intended to kill David. 17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah helped him, and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, "You shall not go out again with us to battle, so that you do not extinguish the lamp of Israel."

# Life in the Son

- Thief comes only to steal, kill destroy... (John 10:10)
- Giants in our lives
  - Defy, taunt, reproach God/people
  - "Come to your death"

# The Victorious Life?

- David back on the throne...
  - Reminded of hurts and losses
  - Saul and the Gibeonites
  - Honors Saul and Jonathan
  - Buried with his clan
  - God was moved!

# Another Giant!

- David is grief worn and weary
- A moment of opportunity!
  - Who do you have when you are weak?
  - Who can you look to in grief?
  - Who has your "back"?

# A "New Sword"

- Ishbi-benob - man of the heights
  - Son of Goliath - Philistines!
  - 8 lb. spear,  $\frac{1}{2}$  Goliaths
  - "new" - the latest trends:
    - Alternate life styles, Assertiveness, Situational/business ethics, New age

God had an Answer...

• You are not the one this time!!

– He could have strengthened David

– He could have kept him away

– God uses one in covenant with David

– We are still learning Cain's answer...

– 'keeper'? – NO, FAMILY!



# Abishai!

- Older brother to Joab and Asahel
  - Mom, Zeruah, David's sister
  - Went with David to Saul's camp
  - Led 1/2 of Israel's army - Ammon
  - Defends David against slander - Shimei
  - Charged with protecting Absalom
  - Chief of the '30', killed 300 alone

All about you...

- You are God's!

- No battle, no weapon...

- Depending on others, we win!!!

- "To Protect and Serve"



## **In the Battle**

**Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. 10 For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. 11 Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? 12 And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.**