

COVENANT

THE PURSUIT OF GOD

Zadok and David
2 Samuel 15:24-30



2Samuel 15:

24 Now behold, Zadok also came, and all the Levites with him carrying the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God, and Abiathar came up until all the people had finished passing from the city. 25 The king said to Zadok, "Return the ark of God to the city. If I find favor in the sight of the LORD, then He will bring me back again and show me both it and His



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habitation. 26 "But if He should say thus, 'I have no delight in you,' behold, here I am, let Him do to me as seems good to Him." 27 The king said also to Zadok the priest, "Are you not a seer? Return to the city in peace and your two sons with you, your son Ahimaaz and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. 28 "See, I am going to wait at the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to



2Samuel 15:

inform me." 29 Therefore Zadok and Abiathar returned the ark of God to Jerusalem and remained there. 30 And David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went, and his head was covered and he walked barefoot. Then all the people who were with him each covered his head and went up weeping as they went.

The Victorious Life?

- David in trouble...
- Personal failures have added up
- Absalom in rebellion!
- Hearts of the people 'stolen' (15:6)
- 'beauty' vs character...
- Deliberate, calculated, betrayal

David's Flees

- In keeping with his heart...
 - David refuses to fight a civil war
 - "calamity on us and strike the city' (14)
 - Friends and devoted family flee with him
 - Great weeping and fear
 - The way of the wilderness...



Friendships

2 Samuel 15:21 But Ittai answered the king and said, "As the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely wherever my lord the king may be, whether for death or for life, there also your servant will be."

Zadok and the Ark of Covenant

- In the moment of despair...
 - The Levites bring it to the king
 - What he delighted and danced before
 - Surely he was vindicated...?
 - Look for a mighty miracle?
 - "return the ark of God to the city..."

A Broken Man

- "If I find favor..."

- David knew it was not about the Ark...

- It WAS about GOD HIMSELF!

- He will bring me back...

- His habitation...

- I will see the Ark only with HIM!

But...

- If God is finished with me...
 - This was not about Absalom...
 - “no delight in you”
 - David looked to God's favor only
 - “let Him do to me as seems good to Him”
 - David trusts to God...

Zadok

- You are a prophet!
 - Go back with your sons
 - I will wait at the Fords...! TRUST!
 - Word from you... stay or run
 - David maintained his heart/relationship
 - Failures show our true friends....

David Leaves

- Mount of Olives!

- Weeping, head covered, barefoot

- The people take his example...



Restoration...

2 Samuel 19:11 Then King David sent to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, saying, "Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, 'Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house, since the word of all Israel has come to the king, even to his house?'"