

## **SERMON NOTES**

**MARCH 21, 2021**

*Start by praying and asking for God's help as you seek to grow as authentic followers of Jesus.*

### **LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

1. Read 2 Samuel 24:1-25. Make 5-7 observations. What stands out to you?
2. Did this ending to 1/2 Samuel strike you as unexpected? Why or why not?
3. Where do you see God explicitly at work in this story? What does this teach us about God?
4. What good characteristics do you see in David in this story that are worth imitating?

### **LIVING IT OUT**

5. What are the "armies" (i.e. job security, wealth, health, home, etc.) you think about most in your life? Are you more tempted to look at these "armies" and feel confident or despair?
6. Where are you tempted to look for validation in life? Where do you look for validation before God?
7. In contrast to our worldly armies and/or worldly validation, how does the gospel give followers of Jesus the peace, joy, acceptance, and freedom that we all long for?
8. Martin Luther said, "All of life is repentance." Do you find it difficult to repent when you sin? Are there any sins you need to repent of personally or publicly? Do you need to ask forgiveness from anyone?
9. This chapter is another reminder for us of the tension between God's wrath (i.e. sin requires death) and God's grace (i.e. God atones for sin). Do you tend to think more about God's wrath or God's grace? Why is it important to balance both?
10. What are some examples of what a life lived in allegiance to King Jesus looks like? What things pull us away from Jesus? What practices do you have in place in your life to regularly reorient your heart and your mind to Jesus?