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Bible Study:



Read 2 Samuel 1-7. Understand that Abner and the people of Jabesh-Gilead had good reason to be loyal to Saul and his family; Saul had rescued Jabesh-Gilead from Nahash the Ammonite soon after he was made king (1 Sam 11). And Abner was the commander of Saul's army. But loyalty to God what is most important!

The gospel in the story:



This story is primarily about God's faithfulness. He IS LOYAL. He is a Promise-Keeper, and 100% trustworthy! Whereas people may be loyal, they are easily misguided into being loyal to the wrong things, or else having weaknesses and failures in being loyal to the right things (God's Way). But God Loved the World SO Much that He Sent His One and Only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life!

Application

Head: Q&A key points:

Q: Who is Ish-Bosheth? A: Saul's son who becomes king over most of Israel (David reigns over only Judah initially).

Q: How does it go for Ish-Bosheth? A: Bad, because God took the kingdom away from Saul and his family.

Q: After David is chosen by the people to be king over all of Israel, what does he do next? A: Fights the Jebusites to reclaim Jerusalem, then the Philistines to return the Ark of the Covenant to Israel.

Q: What does David propose to do next? A: Build a temple for God's Ark.

Q: What is God's answer. A: That the LORD himself would establish an ever-lasting house from one of David's descendants.

Heart: Memory Verse:

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Hands: How does this affect the way we live?

David remained committed to being loyal to God and His ways. That does not mean that David never sinned. But what it does mean is that David had a **healthy Fear of the Lord** that allowed him to HUMBLY follow God, experience TRUE REPENTANCE when he sinned, and BELIVE that God is completely trustworthy in keeping ALL of His Promises!

Home: How does this affect our household?

Households built on fear of the world will not stand. Households built on the Fear of the Lord will withstand all manner of trouble and opposition.

Discuss these verses together:

Deuteronomy 10:12

Psalm 19:9; 25:14; 33:8; 34:9; 111:10; 86:11

Proverbs 1:7; 3:7; 8:13; 14:26-27; 19:23

2 Corinthians 7:1

Philippians 2:12-13

Heaven: How does this help us our faith?

When we truly trust God's Promises, we will live differently, being good Stewards yet not worrying about the troubles in the world, is a witness of God's Nature in us that our friends and neighbors will notice.

Discuss ways your family and Gospel Community can model trust in Jesus' Promises even when things are hard.