1-22-26 Sermon

From the Heart David

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Saul Defeats the Ammonites

1 About a month later,[a] King Nahash of Ammon led his army against the Israelite town of Jabesh-gilead. But all the citizens of Jabesh asked for peace. "Make a treaty with us, and we will be your servants," they pleaded.

2 "All right," Nahash said, "but only on one condition. I will gouge out the right eye of every one of you as a disgrace to all Israel!"

3 "Give us seven days to send messengers throughout Israel!" replied the elders of Jabesh. "If no one comes to save us, we will agree to your terms."

4 When the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and told the people about their plight, everyone broke into tears. 5 Saul had been plowing a field with his oxen, and when he returned to town, he asked, "What's the matter? Why is everyone crying?" So they told him about the message from Jabesh.

6 Then the Spirit of God came powerfully upon Saul, and he became very angry. 7 He took two oxen and cut them into pieces and sent the messengers to carry them throughout Israel with this message: "This is what will happen to the oxen of anyone who refuses to follow

Versus 1-3

Nahash King of Ammonites
- Lot → Ben-Ammi (Gen 19 36-38)
- Battles, er Land
- People treaty
- One condition guage eye
- Agree ask for 7 days

Apply / Ask
- Pressure = Compromise
  - Willing to accept this we wouldn't
- Compromise rarely happens all at once Sin
- What are you willing to Give up
  - Integrity
  - marriage
  - Conviction
  - relationship w/ God

Verses 4-7

Compassion → people
Saul - Plowing his field
- Verse 6 key
  - Spirit came on Saul

Applications

1. When you are under pressure, don't Compromise what matters most just so the pain will go away
- Life pressures
  - work, family, relationships, addictions/vices

- Jesus Garden
- WALKED toward the pressure of the Cross

2. When you have the upper hand, choose grace

1st Peter 2:22-23

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anyone who refuses to follow
Saul and Samuel into battle!"
And the LORD made the people
afraid of Saul's anger, and all of
them came out together as one.

8 When Saul mobilized them at
Bezek, he found that there were
300,000 men from Israel and
30,000 [b] men from Judah.

9 So Saul sent the messengers
back to Jabesh-gilead to say,
"We will rescue you by noontime
tomorrow!" There was great joy
throughout the town when that
message arrived!

10 The men of Jabesh then told
their enemies, "Tomorrow we
will come out to you, and you
can do to us whatever you
wish." 11 But before dawn the
next morning, Saul arrived,
having divided his army into
three detachments. He
launched a surprise attack
against the Ammonites and
slaughtered them the whole
morning. The remnant of their
army was so badly scattered
that no two of them were left
together.

12 Then the people exclaimed to
Samuel, "Now where are those
men who said, 'Why should Saul
rule over us?' Bring them here,
and we will kill them!"

13 But Saul replied, "No one will
be executed today, for today the
LORD has rescued Israel!"

14 Then Samuel said to the
people, "Come, let us all go to
Gilgal to renew the kingdom." 15
So they all went to Gilgal, and in
a solemn ceremony before the

Saul rallies the people
- Desperate time call for Desperate measures
Why Oxen? → Judges 19/20 29-30:1

Apply / Ask

Compassion to Action
- Are you moved to Act
- Saul was moved
- Somebody else will sign up for meal train, text, Phone call, visit

Verses 8-11

- Saul mobalizes an army of 330,000
- they Attack as they said they would an win

Apply / Ask

- People no way out
  - no hope
  - willing to concede
- Who ultimately provided for the people = God
- What battle are you facing today that seems like there's no way out
  - Have you asked for

3. Compassion Should lead to Action

Matthew 9:36

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

Some of us need to get off the sideline and into the game

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LORD they made Saul king. Then they offered peace offerings to the LORD, and Saul and all the Israelites were filled with joy.

Footnotes

a. 1 Samuel 11:1 As in Dead Sea Scroll 4QSama and Greek version; Masoretic Text lacks About a month later.

b. 1 Samuel 11:8 Dead Sea Scrolls and Greek version read 70,000.

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Verses 12-15

- People want to kill those who were against Saul
- Saul / Grace = gives credit to the Lord

Apply / Ask

- When we are right
- When someone doubts us
- When we want to get the last word
- Or do you show grace