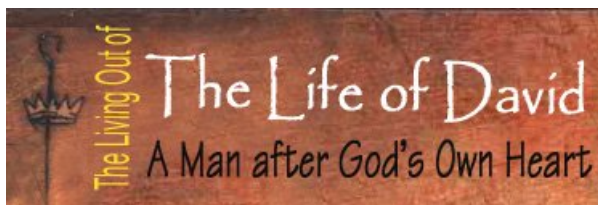




2 Samuel 13:20-15:10

Who's Jurisdiction? Sunday, Jan 21st 2007



Titled today/s message – Who's Jurisdiction?

- Jurisdiction? Lit to speak the law – apply the law
- Thus -who has authority, responsibility to apply law

As researching – found lists of some Funny Laws:

In Carmel, N.Y., a man can't go outside while wearing a jacket and pants that do not match.

In Hartford, Conn., you aren't allowed to cross a street while walking on your hands.

In Baltimore, it's illegal to take a lion to the movies.

In Carrizozo, N.M., it's forbidden for a female to appear unshaven in public (includes legs and face).

In Michigan, a woman isn't allowed to cut her own hair without her husband's permission.

In Gary, Ind., persons are prohibited from attending a movie or from riding a public streetcar within four hours of eating garlic.

These are laws – real laws...no longer applied

- Can look and say some of these are pet peeves
- Are other things – right & wrong – real, serious
- Someone must deal with ...
- The question is who – who has jurisdiction?

Jurisdiction– More than something lawyers wrestle with

- Honestly...it is something we deal with often
- Is what we find ourselves dealing with in our continuing study of the Life of David....

Background information on our Study

- Looking at the life of David – man God holds up
- Ugly, sad section of his life
- David sinned....forgiven...consequences
- David's kids – Amnon rapes Tamar...sister

Word of explanation

- Going to cover a wide swath of verses
- Going to read them all (Word of God!)
 - Not apology, just explanation
- Want to read through entire account, making a few notes as we go – and come back to discuss
- Will try to help you a little with a timeline as we go

Read who section with Timeline 

I. David's Folly

1. Understand –this is David's jurisdiction – responsibility

a. His responsibility as a dad...and as a King

2. Note at each Junction – David refuses to deal w/sin

a. Seems this was a continual shortcoming of David

i) As a Dad – it seems to be normal – 1 Kin 1:6

ii) As a King – leaves many things undealt with – at end of his life turns several over to Solomon

b. So many have the same way of dealing with sin

i) Pretend it does not exist, ignore it

c. Entirely opposite God's ways – confront, confess

i) Light exposing – confessing...dealing with

3. Joab does not help – encourages David in problem

a. Interesting similarities between Joab & Nathan

i) Both seek to help David deal w/what is avoiding

ii) Both use moving stories and apply to David

b. But there are some key Differences

i) Nathan led by God....Joab by self

ii) Nathan confront sin, Joab helps avoid sin

c. Joab's story interesting similar to Cain & Abel

i) But note with Cain – sin was dealt with


4. Lesson from David's folly

a. Time does not heal all wounds –consider 11 years

b. Sin – needs to be dealt with – ignoring doesn't help

i) Word to parents – kids need sin dealt with

c. Lose thought – always best to face directly

d. David's deserves some responsibility for what Absalom becomes. **Ecc 8:11** 

II. Absalom's Folly

1. **There is a piece of me that feels for Absalom**
 - a. I can feel his frustration, understand his struggle
 - b. May really feel David is a failure-not dealing with
 2. **There is a piece of me that is scared of Absalom**
 - a. Is a sense I could so easily become...you can
 3. **What is his folly? Taking matters into his own hands**
 - a. This is not his jurisdiction – beyond his rights
 - b. He becomes a vigilante in his time
 - c. If someone doesn't do something...I will
 4. **Wrong - He crosses into jurisdiction of his Dad**
 5. **Wrong – He crosses into jurisdiction of law, King**
 - a. **Rom 13** tells us all authority is from God 📖
 - b. Understand – no perfect human authority – but we are still called to submit – not take into own hands
 6. **Wrong - He crosses into jurisdiction of God**
 - a. This is most important part – key understanding
 - b. **To be an Absalom is to turn from God, not under**
 - i) Never do we see Absalom doing anything w/ God
 - c. **To be an Absalom –sets yourself in God's place**
 - i) Note Absalom's words – similar to Josh 1...
 - d. Takes matters into his own hands – not his
 - e. Today is national day of right to life
 - i) Tell you every abortion is an Absalom – taking authority, jurisdiction that is not ours - selfishly
 7. **Absalom is wrong....God will withstand**
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Conclusion

Psalm 37

If you are not a Christian today – you are an Absalom

- Not under God