

The Life of Joab

Part 2

2 Cor. 3:2-6 1 Kings 2:28

Relationship Evangelism

- Your purpose and destiny can only be found in relationship accountability to you biological and church family!
- What I do for Jesus is NOT as important as who I am for JESUS CHRIST!
- God wants to build and grow his church starting with you first, and then adding numerically to the church.
- He wants to grow you relationally with your family then the church family and then lost souls in that order.

The life of Joab is about relationship evangelism.

The question I want to ask you about Joab and David- are they growing Gods kingdom together or are they growing a great military partnership?

Lets look at David's relationship with two men to answer that question.

David and Joab – David with Jonathan

First

1. David and Joab

- a. Joab was given great Honor by conquering the Jebusites in Jerusalem in 1st Chron. 11:6,8 (Read it)
This was a great victory for Israel – Yet Joab wanted David's name to have all the credit. Joab was loyal and shows honor to David in this great military victory.
- b. David gives honor to him calling him Prince of the Army. He allows Joab to have ten men carry Joab's armor, and equipment. Joab has his own house in the wilderness.
- c. Joab fought in all the wars. He fought for six months against Edom until all the males were exterminated.
- d. Yet in all of Joab's loyalty and great military successes you never hear or read about Joab adapting any of David's spiritual character into his own life. You never read about these two men together growing in the intimacy of the Holy Ghost!

Look at 1st Sam. 18:1-4

Now lets look at David and Jonathan 1 Sam. 18:1-4

1. Knit together in soul vs. 1
2. They were in Relational covenant together- vs. 3. (Fear of God- no matter what happened vs. 4)
3. They became vulnerable and transparent with each other
 - a. Stripped of their robe- self presenting
 - b. Garments- symbolize identity
 - c. Sword- learned to fight together
 - d. Girdle- covering each others inner being
 - e. Bow- Their vision casting was the same

- Joab did not have this kind of relationship with David.
- Joab was more concerned with getting the apparel of David and man than he was from God himself Joab did not show the Fear of God when taking matters into his own hand. Only the Fear of God can kill religious Pride.
 - Example: My past successes blinded me from current Pride

The Tale of Two Mighty Men of Valor

David

1. David found time to be intimate with God
2. David ran to God when he got into trouble
3. David made himself vulnerable to his enemies
4. David sought God when he got wounded and hurt
5. David used his relational problems to learn Gods character Ps. 22
6. David sought the Horns of the Altar for Forgiveness, Love and Intimacy with God
7. David wrote Psalms and created a closeness with God
8. David sought to bring men closet to God through his worship and expensive sacrifices
9. David practiced loyalty to God through repentance, love relationship and building The Kingdom of God.
10. God honored David and built a throne after David's name

Joab

1. Joab made time to fortify his military strengths
2. Joab relied on his strengths and gifts to get him out of trouble
3. Joab sought to protect himself. In 2nd Sam. 14, he sought protection for Absalom for a future position.
4. Joab sought revenge to get even when he got hurt and wounded.
5. Joab used his relational problems to ADVANCE his personal AGENDAS. Joab did not want to lose influence or people.
6. Joab sought the Horns of the Altar to protect himself his career and his life.
7. Joab spent time building a military kingdom.
8. Joab sought to fortify his armies and bring men closet to himself.
9. Joab practiced loyalty to David through acts of sacrifice and obedience and building a military kingdom on earth- Joab seeks the vainglory of mans approval.
10. God dishonored Joab and built a curse of leprosy after his see.

Joabs greatest lesson he teaches us:

1. His ambition and uniqueness did not possess intimate accountability. (Going deeper without giving into pride or fear towards man throughout his success climbing)

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