Bringing Back the Banished One

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INTRODUCTION

- He sits at the right hand of the Majesty on high, wielding all power. He has a name that is above all names.
- And you need him. And I need him. And that's what this lesson is about.

1 Joab's Daring Initiative

2 Samuel 14:12; 2 Samuel 14:14

- As a result, David banishes Absalom, and he has not seen him for three years.
- Joab enlists a wise woman, ten miles to the south of Jerusalem, to come and tell a fictional story to the ears of a king.
- Why then have you planned such a thing against the people of God?
- For we shall surely die and are like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again.
- Yet God does not take away life, but plans ways so that the banished one may not be cast out from him.

2 A Story Very Consequential for David and Absalom

2 Samuel 15; 2 Samuel 12:11–12; 2 Samuel 17:14

- It is also a story that is very consequential in the lives of both David and Absalom.
- Absalom stole away the hearts of the sons of Israel.
- Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own household.
- Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel under the sun.
- Beware of the wages of sin.
- But in his lifetime, he made a monument to himself. That was his posterity.

3 God Plans Ways: Bringing Back the Banished One

Romans 7:24; 2 Corinthians 4:7

- God plans ways so that the banished one may not be cast out from him. I would tell you that's the Bible story.
- Sin alienates. Sin drives a wedge between a person and God. Not multiple sins, just a single transgression.
- It is the resurrection of Jesus that gives hope.
- Wretched man that I am, who will deliver me from this body of death. Only Jesus.
- It's nothing compared to banishment from the presence of God.
- It is only because God commuted our sins and brought the banished one back.

4 What Happens When the Banished One Comes Home?

2 Peter 1

- We forget where we came from and where we could have stayed.
- David didn't have to bring Absalom back. He did. Granted mercy.
- You're going to eat to the full and become satisfied, and you're going to forget me.
- We don't appreciate how completely undone we really were. And how completely dependent we are even now.
- Let us pursue gratitude. Let us not forget the purification of our former sins.
- We remember that we were purified from our sins. We remember how indebted we are. We remember the great cost that was paid for us.

THE CHALLENGE

Leave the banishment. Embrace his deliverance. Bask in the glory of the great King. If you're subject to His invitation, come out of the darkness and be transferred into the kingdom of His dear Son.

MY NOTES