



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of May 17, 2020

During this time that we are not able to meet together, please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

2 Samuel 15:13-37

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiikaichurch.org/sermononline>

Summary

In today's passage, we learn of king David's persevering faith - a faith that refuses to trust in false hopes submits entirely to God's will and acts with godly initiative.

Discussion Questions

1. In our passage today, we see David's faith shine forth in a moment of unprecedented crisis. In our own lives, crisis and difficulties can cause our faith to shatter or shine. How do difficult times affect your faith? (see also 1 Peter 1:6-7, Psalm 3:3-4, Psalm 66:10-12)
2. When King David suggested that Ittai and 600 of his men return to Jerusalem rather than flee from Absalom as a fugitive, David displayed a faith that found its security in God. He refused the facade of false trusts. To what or to whom do you look to for ultimate strength, security, and stability? What is it, outside of God, that you can say, "If I lose this or don't get this, I will no longer feel secure"?
3. In our passage today, King David submitted entirely to God's will when he said, "*Lord, do to me as you please, whatever seems good to you.*" In his sermon, Van Michael said this is the heart of faith. Do you find it difficult to pray (especially in difficult times), "*Lord, do to me as you please, whatever seems good to you?*" If so, why? If not, why not?

4. In his sermon, Van Michael said that "*faith and passivity are incompatible conditions.*" In the current Covid-19 pandemic, we may be tempted towards self-pity, laziness, and inactivity. What can you be doing to avoid passivity even as you continue to trust and wait on the Lord?
5. In spite of King David's tragic fall - a fall that resulted in horrible consequences for himself and his family - his faith persevered, as all true faith does. David does not abandon God. He is not hopeless. What lessons can we learn from David's faith? How does the gospel reinforce the lessons we learn from David's faith?