



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of May 31, 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 17:1-29

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://hawaiichurch.org/sermononline>

Summary

In today's passage, Pastor Amel shows us that when God ordains something, it will come to pass. Against all odds, King David is rescued from his son Absalom through his loyal followers. Ultimately, however, it is by God's decree that David is saved. God's Kingdom will not fail because God has ordained it so.

Discussion Questions

1. We now know that the good counsel of Ahithophel was overruled by Hushai because God ordained it. However, at the time Hushai did not know this. What prompts and enables God's people to take steps of faith in spite of our fear?
2. Why do you think Ahithophel committed suicide when his counsel was rejected? In spite of Ahithophel's wisdom and stature, what does his suicide tell us about the strength of the foundation of his life? What is the foundation of your life?
3. Ahimaaz and Jonathan, David's spies, endured a long, dark, and fearful confinement in a hidden well because they understood the importance and felt the weight of the message they had to deliver. How does the importance and weight of God's message help us to endure the trials and tribulations of life? Do you believe that you have a mission to fulfill? Why or why not?

4. Psalm 31 paints for us a beautiful picture of David's humble trust in God's sovereignty, in spite of his many trials and fears. How do trials and adversity develop faith and trust in a sovereign God?