

COMING TO GRIPS WITH JOAB 2 SAM. 20:4-5, 8-11,23-26

We believe in total depravity – we just don't know anyone who actually practices it!

Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is **none** righteous, no, **not one**: **Romans 3:23** For **all** have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there is **not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.**

Psalms 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; And in sin did my mother conceive me.

Psalms 58:3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: They go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

1 Kings 8:46 If they sin against thee, (**for there is no man that sinneth not.**)....

Joab: it is impossible to Christianize / sanitize / tame Joab! On rare occasions he seems to follow God, godliness, & God's laws – rare indeed! Usually, we are left scratching our heads!

1. Joab was always on David's side

2 Samuel 8:16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; **2 Samuel 8:17** And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Seraiah was the scribe; **2 Samuel 8:18** And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief rulers.

2 Samuel 20:23 Now Joab was over all the host of Israel: and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites: **2 Samuel 20:24** And Adoram was over the tribute: and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder: **2 Samuel 20:25** And Sheva was scribe: and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests: **2 Samuel 20:26** And Ira also the Jairite was a chief ruler about David.

I get Joab but wish I didn't understand him:

- He was a good military man
- He acted & acted quickly
- He did what was necessary
- He did the dirty work/ took out the trash
- He knew where the bodies were buried & he buried most of them
- He was a necessary evil

As for LCBC:

2. Joab was on David's side when David wasn't on David's side

2 Samuel 18:33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

2 Samuel 19:1 And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom. **2 Samuel 19:2** And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son. **2 Samuel 19:3** And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle. **2 Samuel 19:4** But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!

2 Samuel 19:5 And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines; **2 Samuel 19:6** In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest neither princes nor servants: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well. **2 Samuel 19:7** Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now.

2 Samuel 19:8 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king: for Israel had fled every man to his tent.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Acts 4:27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, **Acts 4:28** For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

Thoughts:

- God uses all things
- God uses all kinds of people
- God uses them regardless if they know it / agree with it!

Revelation 17:16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Revelation 17:17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

- **God uses them to accomplish His will & purposed**
- **God uses them for His own glory**

3. Joab was on David's side because David was on Joab's side

2 Samuel 8:16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;

2 Samuel 20:23 Now Joab was over all the host of Israel: and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites:

Thoughts:

- **Joab was a military man**
- **Joab was very good at it**
- **Joab had no desire to be king**
- **Joab wanted the kingdom to succeed because he also succeeded when it did!**
- **Joab probably wanted / was OK with the success of a Biblical faith**
- **Joab wasn't OK when his job was threatened!**

4. Joab was on David's side until David wasn't on Joab's side

1 Kings 1:5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith **exalted himself**, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. **1 Kings 1:6** And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom. **1 Kings 1:7** **And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped him.**

1 Kings 2:5 Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto **Abner** the son of Ner, and unto **Amasa** the son of Jether, whom **he slew**, and shed **the blood of war in peace**, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet. **1 Kings 2:6** Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace.

1 Kings 2:22 And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah. **1 Kings 2:28** **Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.** **1 Kings 2:29** And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD; and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him. **1 Kings 2:30** And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.

1 Kings 2:31 And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; **that thou mayest take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father.** **1 Kings 2:32** And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing thereof, to wit, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah. **1 Kings 2:33** Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever from the LORD.

Thoughts:

- **Joab was a violent man – as were his brothers**
- **Joab was the best man for the job**
- **Joab suffered no rivals**
- **That included even David, at the end of life**
- **Joab served from self-interest**
- **When Joab's interests were not being served...**