

Sermon Title:
"A Pastor's Dream Church"
2 Samuel 21-24

INTRODUCTION:

I. If I Were First Free's Pastor, I Would Want to Serve a Church That Turns Tragedy into Triumph Through Prayer.

A. The sin against the Gibeonites. (21:1-14)

1. What was the sin?

2. Who are the Gibeonites at First Free Church?

B. The "church growth" sin. (2 Sam. 24:1-25)

1. What was David's sin?

2. How do we commit David's sin?

II. If I Were First Free's Pastor, I Would Want to Serve a Church That Turns Tragedy Into Triumph Through People.

A. Are we willing to fight for the pastor? (21:15-22)

1. What we all know: pastors are giant slayers.

2. What we tend to forget: pastors need Abishai's.

B. Are we willing to fight beside the pastor?

III. If I Were First Free's Pastor, I Would Want to Serve a Church That Turns Tragedy into Triumph Through Praise.

A. The call to praise.

1. Do we praise God for what He has done in the past? (22:1-51)

2. Do we praise God for what He will do in the future? (23:1-8)

B. Why we don't praise.

1. We become well-intentioned dragons.

2. We start conversations with the phrase, "people say!"

CONCLUSION: