

Let Go & Let God

2 Samuel 2:18-23 (KJV) - ¹⁸ And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel was as light of foot as a wild roe. ¹⁹ And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner. ²⁰ Then Abner looked behind him, and said, Art thou Asahel? And he answered, I am. ²¹ And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armour. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him. ²² And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother? ²³ Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth rib, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still.

Giving honor to God, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Giving honor to the children of God. Good morning to my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. As we look at today's text, 2 Samuel 2:18-23, our didactic sermon topic is "It's Time to Let Go and Let God."

A great number of the Israelites died in the civil war, but their families opened up their hearts and learned to reconcile and forgive when the kingdom reunited. Joab struggled greatly with forgiveness. In fact, he refused to forgive Abner for killing his brother. Joab's brother was named Asahel. Joab murdered Abner in revenge. You see war is a terrible thing and many of our brothers and sisters have issues living at peace with those whom they have endured conflict with or those they once battled. Can I get a witness?

You may be here today, and you realize that you have issues or difficulty with forgiving someone who has talked about you way back when (many years ago), did you wrong, or for some reason or another... it seemed that they just didn't like you and you still have an issue with them. If you're wondering whether or not you really have an issue. Ask yourself the question... Does your mood change when he or she comes in the room? If the conversation leads you to that particular person, do you feel sick in the pit of your stomach? Does your blood pressure rise when you see that person or that group of people? Well baby, maybe just maybe – you have some issues with forgiveness.

I just want to help somebody today. Jesus teaches humanity (the world) a great lesson in Matthew 6:14-15 sharing "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. Good Gracious. When you and I call on the Lord, we want the Lord to deliver. We want the lord to show up. We want the lord to bless. I don't know anybody or anything that's worth someone allowing a wedge to come between them and God. (Pause and think about it for a moment.) It's not worth it. It's not worth it. Let me say it again, it's not worth the price of not being able to get a breakthrough to

God, because you empower someone else to change your mood and squeeze the life out of your heart due to the inability to forgive. When you forgive others, our father in heaven will forgive up. I don't know about you, but I sure need the forgiveness of the lord in my life. I need God's Peace. I need God's love and Grace. I need God's Mercy. Somebody ought to say yes. Say Yes. Say Yes. Is there anybody else that can testify that they need God's Peace? God's Grace? God's Mercy? God's Love? I came to remind you this morning, that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. (Romans 6:23) You've got to find a way to let go of the root of bitterness and hatred that's troubling your heart, or it could ruin your life and bring about your demise. (Hebrews 12:15).

In closing, you and I need a Way Maker. The lack of the human heart to forgive, blocks the way to get a breakthrough to God. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the father, but through Him. (John 14:6). You may be saying "Well, what do I need... Pastor?" Thank You, I'm so glad you asked. You need a way maker. His name is Jesus. Carry your concerns to Jesus in prayer. Turn it over to the Lord and He will work it out. 1Peter 5:7 says "Cast all your cares upon Him (The Lord); for He cares for you." Hallelujah to the Lamb of God. I'm coming on in now. I see a landing strip. The Holy Air traffic controllers are in place. As I make my descent, I'm coming in y'all. (Good God Almighty.) His name is Jesus. Trust Him, come to Him. He'll make a way out of no way. He is the Way Maker and His name is Jesus. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God. Let Go & Let God. Amen. Romans 10:9-11 says "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.