

WHAT HAS MY HEART?

SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM • PART 34 • 2 SAMUEL 3:1-27

Whatever has your heart, has you.

— G.O.D. —



KEY SCRIPTURES

1. 2 Samuel 2:26
“Must the sword devour forever?”
2. 2 Samuel 3:9-10
“...do for David what the LORD promised him...”
3. 2 Samuel 3:21
“David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.”
4. 2 Samuel 3:27
“...Joab stabbed him in the stomach, and he died.”
5. Matthew 6:33
“Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness.”

1 WHAT HAS MY HEART?



- (2 Samuel 2:26) Abner asks, “Must the sword devour forever?” and warns that continued violence will end in bitterness.
- Abner knew the LORD intended David to become king, yet for years his actions worked against what God had promised.
- *Whatever has your heart, has you.*
— Chris Freet

2 KNOWING AND FOLLOWING GOD'S WILL



- It is not enough to simply know what God wants: the LORD commands us to follow Him.
 - Matthew 6:9-10 — “Your kingdom come, your will be done.”
 - Prayer helps align our understanding, lives, and will with what God is doing.
- God, give me the wisdom to see your will and the integrity to follow it. — Josh Swartz

PRAYER

Father, may Your Kingdom come here and now.
May Your will be done in and through me.
Please shape my desires around Yours.

3 ABNER FINALLY CHANGES DIRECTION



- (2 Samuel 3:9-10) Abner acknowledges that the LORD promised David the throne.
 - (2 Samuel 3:17-18) The elders had wanted David as king for some time; Abner tells them, “Now do it!”
 - (2 Samuel 3:20-21) Abner uses his influence to unite Israel under David, and David sends him away in peace.
- “Now do it!” is a command.

4 JOAB BRINGS THE SWORD BACK



- (2 Samuel 3:27) Joab murders Abner in revenge for Asahel's death.
- Asahel died in battle; Joab killed Abner during a time of peace.
- It appeared the sword might finally stop devouring, but Joab brings the sword back.
- (2 Samuel 2:26) Abner's warning comes full circle: “Don't you realize that this will end in bitterness?”

5 SURRENDER WHATEVER COMPETES FOR MY HEART



- Am I actually aligned with what God's already doing?
 - Matthew 6:33 — Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness.
 - Fear • Greed • Bitterness • Revenge • Comfort • Misplaced Loyalty
 - What captures our heart shapes our perception of reality.
- Fear: “I can't do this.” Bitterness: “I can't forgive them.” Revenge: “I can't let this go.”

May Your will shape my own and determine how I live, today, tomorrow, and the rest of my days.

We pray in the matchless Name of Jesus. Amen.



MAIN TAKEAWAY

SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM MEANS SURRENDERING WHATEVER COMPETES FOR MY HEART SO I CAN FOLLOW THE KING'S LEAD.



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Main Scripture: 2 Samuel 3:1-27

→ What Has My Heart? — 2 Samuel 3:1; 2 Samuel 2:26

- (2 Samuel 2:26) Abner asks, "Must the sword devour forever?" and warns that continued violence will end in bitterness.
- Abner knew the LORD intended David to become king, yet for years his actions worked against what God had promised.
- "Whatever has your heart, has you." (Chris Freet)

→ Knowing AND Following God's Will — Matthew 6:9–10

- It is not enough to simply know what God wants; the LORD commands us to follow Him.
- Jesus teaches us to pray: "Your kingdom come, your will be done."

→ Abner Finally Changes Direction — 2 Samuel 3:6–21

- (v9–10) Abner acknowledges that the LORD promised David the throne and commits himself to that promise.
- (v17–18) The elders wanted David as king for some time; Abner tells them, "Now do it!"
- (v20–21) Abner uses his influence to unite Israel under David, and David sends him away in peace.

→ Joab Brings the Sword Back — 2 Samuel 3:27

- (v27) Joab murders Abner in revenge for Asahel's death.
- Asahel died in battle; Joab killed Abner during a time of peace.
- Abner's warning comes full circle: "Don't you realize that this will end in bitterness?" (2 Samuel 2:26)

→ Surrender Whatever Competes for My Heart

- Am I actually aligned with what God's already doing?
- Fear, greed, bitterness, revenge, comfort, and misplaced loyalty can begin determining our actions more than trust in the LORD.
- What captures our heart shapes our perception of reality.

→ **Main Takeaway** - Seeking God's Kingdom means surrendering whatever competes for my heart so I can follow the King's lead.

→ **Prayer** - Father, may Your Kingdom come here and now. May Your will be done in and through me. Please shape my desires around Yours. Help me recognize what You're doing. Help me to surrender whatever's keeping me from participating with You. Don't let things like fear, bitterness and greed take control of my heart. You are my King, my God, and my Savior. May Your will shape my own and determine how I live, today, tomorrow, and the rest of my days. We pray in the matchless Name of Jesus. Amen.