

# What's happening at Desert Breeze?

- **WOMEN'S RETREAT:** August 28-30, 2015. Chapel Rock, Prescott! Get your final payments in now! Pick up an info sheet with directions and packing list at the info table!
- **WOMEN'S TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesdays, beginning Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm in suite #106. Sign up Now!
- **SUPERMOMMIES:** Our next meeting is going to be Tuesday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am - 12pm in the toddler room. They can contact Tracy@dbcc.com with any questions!
- **CONNECTION PARTY:** Looking to get plugged-in here at Desert Breeze? Join us for the **Connection Party Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.** Fill out the *Connection Party Pass* insert in your bulletin and put it in the offering box!
- **MEN'S 33 VOLUMES 1-4:** 1& 2 will begin Thursday, Sept 17, 6:30pm, 3&4 will begin Monday Sept 14, 6:30pm – Sign up by filling out a card at the info table!
- **GAME OF LIFE:** Begins Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm. Get off the bench and into the game! Sign up NOW at the info table! (sorry no childcare)
- **PAINT-A-THON:** If you know anyone who needs to have their house painted and is low income, disabled or a veteran – pick up an application at the info table!
- **GRACE BASED PARENTING:** Sunday evenings, Sept 20 – Oct 18 5:00pm. Childcare available. Sign up now!

For more info on these and other DB events & service times –  
check out our website @ dbcc.com or call 602-374-4588  
Wifi info: DB Guest Password: dbguest1

## New Series: **“FREEDOM”**

**(For Freedom Christ has set us Free-Gal5:1)**

There is no greater feeling on earth than being FREE! Ask anyone who has stepped out of prison or broken free from oppression or has kicked an enslaving addiction. With confident expectation they begin a new life. Even more freedom and joy beyond words, are those who have experienced the message found in the New Testament letter of Galatians.

Aug 29/30	<b>“What is the Gospel?”</b>	Galatians 1:1-5
Sept 5/6	<b>“Astonished by the Gospel”</b>	Galatians 1:6-10
Sept 12/13	<b>“Transformed By the Gospel”</b>	Galatians 1:10-24

Thank You for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.  
Budget Results for August 15/16  
General Giving  
Budget \$17,500 Actual \$16,346

# August 22/23, 2015

# BRAVE HEART

(Courage in a World of Compromise)

August 22/23, 2015

Sermon Notes

Ray Davis

## **“People without a King”** Judges 19:1-21:25

“In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in their own eyes” (Judges 21:25). All human problems and pain are symptoms and the cause is our separation from God. The reason for all the abuse, brokenness and misery—is that we are not reconciled to God.

## Judges 19:1-3, 22-30, 20:4-5, 11

God’s people have become like Sodom (Gen 19:1-11). Human solutions can’t fix the intractable problem of evil (spiritual problems). (Judges 20-21) Mending the Soul (Understanding and Healing Abuse) Steven R. Tracy

### **The Nature of Abuse:**

- Abuse is \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_. Rom 8:28; Gen 50:20
- Abuse is a perversion of the \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 1-2

- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ abuse – a perversion of “one flesh” Gen 2:24  
Any sexual relationship outside of God’s boundaries (talk or touching). Any sexual relationship between a husband and wife that is forced or hurtful physically or emotionally.
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ abuse – a perversion of “let them rule” Gen 1:26  
Child abuse: it is legally defined as any non-accidental injury to a minor by an adult or care giver. Adult abuse: it is the use or threat of physical violence to control someone.
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ abuse – a perversion of “cultivate the ground” Gen 1:26  
This is the failure of a parent or guardian to provide a minor with adequate food, clothing, medical care, protection, supervision & emotional support.
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ abuse – a perversion of “image” Gen 1:26  
Blind loyalty to leadership. Don’t ask questions just follow. Christians don’t suffer unless there is sin or unbelief in their life. Never express your feelings unless they are positive. God will accept and bless you if you will obey. At all costs keep up the image of the organization or the family.
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ abuse – a perversion of “be fruitful” Gen 1:28  
Aggravation—picking on you (Ps 102:8). Intimidation—making threats (Ps 109:20). Denigration—putting you down (Ps 22:7). Humiliation—shaming you (Ps 69:19). Manipulation—bullying you (Ps 73:8). Domination—controlling you (Ps 118:13). Defamation—slandering you (Ps 31:13). Condemnation—use of profanity towards you (Ps 35:16).

- Profile of abusers: Pervasive Denial of Responsibility, Bold \_\_\_\_\_, Harsh Judgmentalism, Calculated \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Effects of Abuse:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ – unfounded disgust toward self Gen 3:8-13; 1 Jn 1:9
- \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ – Feeling helpless/hopeless and shutting of all feelings (Numbing). John 14:6; Isa 40:31; Rom 8:11
- \_\_\_\_\_ – shattered intimacy with God & others. Matt 22:37-40

### **The Healing Path:**

- \_\_\_\_\_: Don’t keep it a secret. Call it what it is. Grieve the loss and dare to hope. Let God reinterpret your trauma. Ps 34:6, 18; Rom 8:38-39; Ps 147:3-4
- \_\_\_\_\_: Wrestle with God (Ps 13:1-2). Redefine the Fatherhood of God (Matt 6:9). Get to know the God of Scripture (Ps 9:9-10). Embrace the Cross (1 Cor 1:18; Gal 6:14).
- \_\_\_\_\_: Let go of hatred & revenge (Heb 12:15). Let God settle the score (Rom 12:17-21). Reflect on the abuser’s humanness (Col 3:12-13). Extend grace as God has given to you (Eph 4:32; Matt 18:21-35). Maintain healthy boundaries/Trust must be earned (Pro 4:23; Matt 3:8).

### **Growing Notes**

- 1) Judges 21:25 summarizes the whole book of Judges. What’s the point of that verse and how would you paraphrase it? The reason for all the abuse, brokenness and misery—is that we are not reconciled to God. Explain.
- 2) Read Judges 19:1-3, 22-30, 20:4-5, 11. What are your thoughts? How does this event mirror Genesis 19:1-11? What does this say about the Israelites? In what ways in our culture are we in danger of treating women as property, as things?
- 3) What is abuse and what are the different kinds of abuse? What is the profile of an abuser and how does this Levite fit the profile? What are the affects of abuse? What is the healing path for abuse?
- 4) This side of heaven there are no satisfactory answers to why God continues to allow evil and suffering but we do know that God delights in taking evil and suffering and creating great good out of them (Rom 8:28; Gen 50:20). Explain. Pray that db will continue to be a place of healing and wholeness in Christ.