

Estrangement and Grace

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2 Samuel 19:7-8a “Now therefore arise, go out and speak kindly to your servants, for I swear by the LORD, if you do not go out, surely not a man will pass the night with you, and this will be worse for you than all the evil that has come upon you from your youth until now.” **8a** So the king arose and sat in the gate. When they told all the people, saying, “Behold, the king is sitting in the gate,” then all the people came before the king. ...

Proverbs 28:1 The wicked flee when no one is pursuing, But the righteous are bold as a lion.

2 Samuel 19:8b-10 ... Now Israel had fled, each to his tent. **9** And all the people were quarreling throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, “The king delivered us from the hand of our enemies and saved us from the hand of the Philistines, but now he has fled out of the land from Absalom. **10** “However, Absalom, whom we anointed over us, has died in battle. Now then, why are you silent about bringing the king back?”

2 Samuel 19:11-12 Then King David sent to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, saying, “Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, ‘Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house, since the word of all Israel has come to the king, *even* to his house? **12** ‘You are my brothers; you are my bone and my flesh. Why then should you be the last to bring back the king?’

2 Samuel 19:13 “And say to Amasa, ‘Are you not my bone and my flesh? May God do so to me, and more also, if you will not be commander of the army before me continually in place of Joab.’”

2 Samuel 19:14 Thus he turned the hearts of all the men of Judah as one man, so that they sent *word* to the king, *saying*, “Return, you and all your servants.”

2 Samuel 19:15 The king then returned and came as far as the Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal in order to go to meet the king, to bring the king across the Jordan.

2 Samuel 19:16-18 Then Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite who was from Bahurim, hurried and came down with the men of Judah to meet King David. **17** And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, with Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they rushed to the Jordan before the king. **18** Then they kept crossing the ford to bring over the king’s household, and to do what was good in his sight. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king as he was about to cross the Jordan.

2 Samuel 19:19-23 So he said to the king, “Let not my lord consider me guilty, nor remember what your servant did wrong on the day when my lord the king came out from Jerusalem, so that the king should take *it* to heart. **20** “For your servant knows that I have sinned; therefore behold, I have come today, the first of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.” **21** But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, “Should not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD’S anointed?” **22** David then said, “What have I to do with you, O sons of Zeruiah, that you should this day be an adversary to me? Should any man be put to death in Israel today? For do I not know that I am king over Israel today?” **23** And the king said to Shimei, “You shall not die.” Thus the king swore to him.

Exodus 22:28 “You shall not curse God, nor curse a ruler of your people.

James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, **full of mercy** and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy

James 2:12-13 So speak and so act, as those who are to be judged by *the* law of liberty. **13** For judgment *will be* merciless to one who has shown no mercy; **mercy triumphs over judgment.**

Proverbs 18:19 A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city, And contentions are like the bars of a castle