

Sermon Discussion Questions: October 19, 2025
Finishing Well

*Questions marked with a **P** are primary to the sermon. If you are not planning on answering all the questions, answer these first.*

Sermon: 2 Samuel 21-24

I. Chapter 21

1. Over the course of these chapters, some people are killed, counted, and thanked. Give an example of:
 - a. Killed.
 - b. Counted.
 - c. Thanked.
2. **P** Whether or not we are thinking about our legacy, we are establishing one.
 - a. What was one thing David did well to establish his legacy?
 - b. What was one thing David did badly in establishing his legacy?
 - c. What was one thing you have done well to establish your legacy?
3. What critical predecessor to acting rightly did Pastor Paul emphasize at the beginning of the sermon?
4. **P** The treaty that Joshua made, in Joshua 9, with the Gibeonites was ill-advised and based on a deception. Yet we read in 2 Samuel 21 that God expected Israel to honor that treaty. State whether you believe it is ever ethical to break a commitment. Try to support your belief with biblical principles.
5. One principle we see in this chapter: Moving forward sometimes requires resolving past injustices.
 - a. In David's past, how had failure to recognize this principle hurt him?
 - b. How might we, as a nation, recognize this principle?
 - c. **P** How might we, as a congregation, recognize this principle?
 - d. **P** If this bring to mind any injustice that you committed and need to resolve, please share your story.

6. “Finishing well” may include acknowledging age-related limitations. If you, like David’s soldiers, have had to tell someone they were no longer capable/competent in some area, share your story.

II. Chapter 22

7. Name, from scripture, one man and one woman who were careful to give God the glory for their successes.

III. Chapter 23

8. **P** David lists many of the people who contributed to the successes of his life. How might we apply this principle in our church, at home, or at work?

IV. Chapter 24

9. Why would it be bad for David to count his army?
10. Is doing inventories or conducting censuses always sinful? Give a scriptural example.
11. Often in adult life, we are forced to choose among unpleasant options. How did David show wisdom when Gad asked him to select one of three evil scenarios?
12. **P** What was Pastor Paul’s final point about finishing well?
13. **P Action Point:** Identify someone who has made a significant positive contribution to your life and tell them why you appreciate them. (If you did this, share it with the group.)

Prayer Points:

- Ask God to reveal any unresolved issues from the past that you need to address in order to move forward with integrity.
- Pray for a heart of gratitude that consistently remembers God’s faithfulness and gives Him the glory for every accomplishment.
- Pray for the humility to recognize your own pride and for a spirit that is quick to offer genuine, even if costly, repentance when you sin.