

Blessed are the Peacemakers 2 Samuel 1-5

Re-cap last week.

God loves unity & blesses it.

- It reflects heaven on earth
- It deepens relationship
- It values people

It calls us to trust and forgiveness

Creating unity – requires us to be counter-cultural.

CH.1 v7-11 – First surprise – David mourns the death of Saul.

Unity is built through looking beyond ourselves

CH.2 – 2 Kings, 2 Kingdoms.

David and Ish-Bosheth.

Tribal loyalties.

Competition leads to death

CH.3 – Abner.

3v6 -*Abner had been strengthening his own position in the house of Saul.*

Ambition leads to division.

3v7-11 Taking offense

3v22-27 Suspicion

3v39 –[ESV] - *I (David) was gentle today, though anointed king. – These men, the sons of Zeruah are more severe than I*
Heb 'rak' = tender, soft, gentle, weak.

CH.4 – Ish Bosheth murdered. Assumption.

Build	Destroy
See beyond ourselves	Competition
Gentleness / humility	Ambition
Clear and direct	3 symptoms of pride
	Taking offense
	Suspicion
	Assumption

CH.5 – Unity is established.

V10 - And he (David) became more and more powerful, because the LORD God Almighty was with him.

V17-22 – Baal Perazim – God of the breakthrough

- Hear the sound of marching in the balsam trees.

Supernatural heavenly activity happens, after unity is established.