

I. Introduction.

- A.** Tonight, we're going to look at a few facets of David's merciful leadership, which in my judgment is what made him such an exceptional man and leader not just in terms of a biblical figure but also as a historical figure. The way David treated people was a reflection of what he believed about God and how he believed God treated him. We have so much to learn from this remarkable man's story.

II. Examples of David's merciful leadership.**1.** The way David handled Saul's death with honor. (Read 2 Samuel 1:17-18.)

- David refused to allow the next generation to view Saul as a wicked king. He tried his best to cover him so that the bitter experiences he had would not defile the emerging young generation.
- Does this describe what you would do after you were mistreated by a leader? How we handle the fall or failure of leaders will make us or break us. Choose mercy, forgiveness and honor 10 times out of 10.

2. The way David handled Mephibosheth's disability with kindness. (Read 2 Samuel 9:3, 7, 13.)

- For the sake of his deceased friend Jonathan, David chose to befriend and show unusual kindness to Jonathan's son Mephibosheth, despite the fact that he was lame and view himself as a dead dog.
- Are you kind to the weak, broken and disabled? How we treat those who can do nothing for us is an indication of the greatness or the pettiness of our leadership.

3. The way David handled Shimei's accusations with patience. (Read 2 Samuel 16:5-14)

- David refused to use his power to silence voices of criticism and dissent. He learned to see God's sovereign hand in the verbal attacks and later forgave Shimei when he came begging for his life.
- How do you respond to when people throw stones of accusation at you? How do you handle criticism? Learn to trust God with the situation and pray that you see what God's trying to do or say through it. There's always a small nugget of truth there.

4. The way David handled Araunah's property situation with meekness. (Read 2 Samuel 24:)

- David could have freely received from Araunah or even just taken his land by force. After all, he was king and had a word from the Lord regarding the threshing floor. But he knew God would be most pleased if it cost David something meaningful.
- Do you respond when you're in charge and have a word from God? Do you lead in a way that's authoritarian and entitled, or humble and generous? Only the latter pleases God and gains His favorable response.

III. David was a merciful leader because he saw God as a merciful leader.

2 Samuel 22:26-28 | ²⁶“With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless; ²⁷With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd. ²⁸You will save the humble people; But Your eyes are on the haughty, that You may bring them down.

1. As we close, keep these thoughts in mind...

- You have a deeply formed theology (which may or may not be accurate)
- Your theology is why you currently treat people the way you do
- The way you treat people is your leadership
- Your leadership will produce a certain type of person under you and cause them to view God a certain way
- Leadership refers to marriage/family, work/church, neighbors/friendships/acquaintances, etc.
- When you see God correctly, you will treat people correctly
- You will only see God correctly by studying God's Word and praying for the Spirit's guidance into the truth of God's heart.

Help me improve my notes! The first person to point out a legitimate mistake/typo on this document (during service) gets \$1.

Greater Peoria House of Prayer Announcements for February 22, 2019.

1. **Welcome** to the Greater Peoria House of Prayer... we're glad you're here and blessed to be worshipping God with you! Be sure to pick up the **free** materials at the back table in the prayer room or the desk near the front of the downstairs fellowship area, which includes teaching notes, stickers, pens, prayer cards and more. **Daily schedule:** We have morning prayer right here in this room seven days a week from 7-8 a.m. Monday - Friday and 8-9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. We have afternoon prayer four days a week: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. - noon. We have evening prayer with live worship from 6-8 p.m. Monday - Saturday. On Friday's, we have an extra prayer gathering from 10-11:30 a.m. Our **Friday Encounter Night** is from 6-9 p.m. and is our main corporate gathering each Friday evening featuring live worship and a teaching to inspire love for Jesus and prayer.
2. **UPCOMING EVENT:** The first **Jesus Night** is next week on Friday, March 1. Every once in awhile we're going to turn our typically Friday gathering up a notch and gather for a more extended time of worship and prayer. It's a night where we come together to lift up Jesus over our city.
3. **Prayer room ministry opportunities:** If you are interested in leading or ministering during a live worship set by singing, playing an instrument, prayer leading or behind the sound board, please contact us at info@gphop.org. We'd love to have you serve on one of our teams! **Team ministry opportunities:** If you feel the Lord has gifted you in the prophetic (or would like to grow in this gifting) and would consider helping on a prophetic team, send an email to info@gphop.org. Contact Mandy Kistner at mandy@gphop.org if you would like to schedule a future healing ministry appointment or help out on the healing team.
4. **Missions:** Please keep the following missionaries we support in prayer as well as be sensitive to their financial needs: **Ashley Bucknam** and **Alicia Wright** (ACTS School, Colorado Springs, CO); **Tim and Blair Fraim** (Florianopolis House of Prayer; Florianopolis, Brazil); **Eric and Erin Simmons** (Minnesota House of Prayer Network; Twin Cities, MN); **Amy Dirks** and **Phil Kellenberger** (International House of Prayer, Kansas City, MO); **Babett Mueller** (111 Global, Kansas City, MO). Also keep friends **Tyler and Sarah Cook** and family in prayer who lead a HOP in Ottawa, IL.
5. **Social media:** Follow us on Facebook (Greater Peoria House of Prayer - GPHOP), Twitter (@GPHOPrayer), Instagram (@GPHOPrayer), Vimeo and YouTube for regular updates and inspiration. Use these social media sites to get the word out, share pictures, quotes you heard, etc. Contact Derek at derek@gphop.org if you're interested in helping with GPHOP's social media.
6. **Refuge ministry:** There are several groups who use our facility for their ministry purposes. Please keep the following in prayer: Christian Business Men's Connection Bible studies (Thursday mornings), Kinisi 424 senior worship leader meetings (monthly/as needed), kingdom business prayer groups (as needed), prophetic dance classes (as needed) and Sunday church gatherings (as needed).
7. We provide **free wifi** to everyone here! The password for the **GPHOP** router is on the chalkboard in the downstairs fellowship area. You can also connect to either the CableWiFi or xfinitywifi routers if you have a personal Comcast account.
8. **Prayer requests:** If you would like our community to pray for something specific, please submit it to info@gphop.org.
9. **Giving:** If you have been blessed by the GPHOP and would like sow financially into the ministry, we would be more than blessed. You can give in cash, but if you would like to give to GPHOP with a check, please make it out to "Greater Peoria House of Prayer" or "GPHOP"—your gift is tax deductible. Thank you for your generosity! It's helping make day and night prayer with worship possible in central Illinois. You can place your gift in the Saturday night offering during the 7 p.m. teaching or drop it in either of the two black donation boxes. Donations can also be mailed to our physical address at 117 East Washington Street, East Peoria, IL 61611. Donors can also use PayPal or our website (gphop.org/donate) to give electronically.

*Thank you for helping to **keep this prayer room sacred** by ensuring conversations with others are brief and kindly reminding others to do the same. There is a large fellowship area downstairs if you would like to talk at length.*