

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”*
2 Peter 3:18

Sermon Notes

Title: “Plans and Purposes” by Rev. John Downs

Text: 2 Samuel 3:1-39

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 132:8-18

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Come Ye Sinners

Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:20–21 “Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Psalm 51 (God Be Merciful To Me)

†CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism #82 and #83, Elder Brian Riedel

WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

All Glory Be To Christ

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder John Tittle

WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

“Plans and Purposes” from 2 Samuel 3:1-39 by Rev. John Downs

WORSHIPING GOD AROUND THE LORD’S TABLE IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

†SONG OF RESPONSE

He Will Hold Me Fast

†BENEDICTION

†DOXOLOGY

† Congregation standing, as you are able.

* Nursery is provided based on needs.

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The purposes of God cannot be thwarted by the plans of men.

I. Plans of Power v. 1-21

II. Plans of Grief v. 22-39

Application – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).

Our responsibility, by God’s grace and power, is to consistently apply the truths of God’s Word that we have heard to our lives (Phil. 2:1-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on the sermon and this passage of Scripture, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a principle to follow?