

*“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

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**Title:** “Competing Counselors” by Rev. John Downs

**Text:** 2 Samuel 17:1-29

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33:1-12

#### †PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### †WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Psalm 24

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

### CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Father, we confess that we may approach you with our mouths and our lips, when our hearts are not in worship. We confess that we offer to you that which costs us little. Though you are a great King, we often bring to you the leftovers of our time, energy, gifts, and worship. We have neglected your commands when it is inconvenient for us to keep them. We have ignored your laws when it causes us to lose our ease. We have disregarded our neighbors' needs, and wondered aloud why other people do not meet our needs. O Father, have mercy on us! Forgive us of our many debts! Cleanse us and give us the mind and heart of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many. In His name, and for His sake, we come to you. Amen.

### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Corinthians 1:30–31 “And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

#### †WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Psalm 2

#### †CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism #4 and #22, Elder Ed Baker

### WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

O Holy Night (Hear the Gospel Story)

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder John Tittle

### WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

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

#### †SONG OF RESPONSE

Jesus Lives And So Shall I

#### †BENEDICTION

#### †DOXOLOGY

† Congregation standing, as you are able.

**Yahweh frustrates the plans of the wicked and brings his people into flourishing.**

I. Counsel offered v. 1-14

II. Counsel enacted v. 15-29

*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?