

*“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: “A Difficult Discipline” by Rev. John Downs

Text: 2 Samuel 18:1-19:8

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 30:1-12

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

How Great Thou Art
Psalm 1

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, we openly admit that you know us thoroughly. Our deepest secrets are open before you. You know our thoughts before they are conceived in our minds. We cannot hide from you. Therefore, we ask that you discover unto us our sins so that we may humble ourselves again in your presence and seek your forgiveness and grace. We admit we have tolerated sinful thoughts about power, lust, greed, jealousy, malice and other things that grieve your heart. We have committed sins of omission and commission. But we seek your mercy and cleansing from our sins by the blood of Christ. And we thank you for your Spirit who enables us to walk in holiness and obedience. Give us the grace to please you this day and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 53:5 “But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.”

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Who Is This?

†CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism #27 and #28, Elder Brian Riedel

WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

What Child Is This?

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Ed Baker

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 I My Cross Have Taken

†BENEDICTION

†DOXOLOGY

† Congregation standing, as you are able.

Yahweh justly allows David to suffer the difficult loss of his son, and his kingdom is saved.

I. Description of difficulty v. 18:1-18

II. Despairing discipline 18:19-33

III. Directing discipline 19:1-8

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?