

Sermon Notes 01.19.14  
The Widow's Tale

2 Sam. 14:1-17

Intro

- v. 1 Joab has a concern to reconcile David and Absalom
- He cares for David
  - The desire to create favor with Absalom
  - Concern for the nation's welfare
  - Joab's own conscience

His method was the same as Nathan's

- A parallel story
- An objective decision
- A legal decision
- An authoritative decision
- Knowing that David will repent

v. 2 Why a widow? From Tekoa?

v. 3 -7 "a brother is dead by accident"  
"avengers demand his life"

It's a demand that is

- excessive
- evil
- cruel
- detrimental

v. 8 David says, "let me look into it."

v. 9 The widow says, "I need a decision now. I will take the blame if misleading."

v. 10 David assures her and her property protection.

v. 11 But her concern is for her son. She wants an oath from David to protect her son from the avenger, which David gives.

Then ...

v. 12 -17 **The story is applied to David**

① She makes David look at himself

v. 12 -13 "You are guilty" You have a banished son who you are not forgiving.

You are unfaithful to "the people" : *The Jews placed all their hopes on the Davidic lineage.*

"your banished one" : *i.e. among the Gentiles*

v. 14 ② Then she looks at God. He is good... and forgiving...  
We all die... with no hope of resurrection in ourselves.  
But God makes plans for our salvation.

*i.e. We forgive because God forgives us.*

v. 15 -16 ③ Then she looks at his precarious situation.

"I am afraid of the people" -  
"They want me and my son dead."

"You should be afraid" -  
You may have a national uprising

"That's why I came" -  
Time was of the essence,

So "You don't have time to act"

v. 17 ④ Then she looks at forgiveness.

It is "rest"

Conclusion