

It's Still Complicated: Faithfulness in a Fallen World

2 Samuel 2 - 2 Samuel 24

When it comes to living in faithfulness to God, turns out we are all giraffes on roller skates. Even the best of us: Abraham, Moses, Mary, John the Baptist. All are complex people living in a complex world who find themselves one day gliding and the next stumbling. They sincerely followed God, that's what made them the faithful, effective leaders they were. Yet at times they are overtaken by fear, anger, lust, or mistrust and they sin. And sin always has consequences. Faithfulness: it's complicated.

Nowhere is this more clearly seen than in the narratives in 1 & 2 Samuel. The nation requires a humble leader who will follow the LORD faithfully and get Israel out of the cycles of self-sabotage in which she is caught. Then they find him. God anoints David to be king and puts him on his throne in His time and in His way. Finally! But then something else happens. The rise of King David is followed by the fall of King David. It turns out David is also a giraffe on roller skates. What will God do in the failure of Israel's hero? How will he raise up faithfulness in hearts that fail? It turns out that in 2 Samuel it's still complicated.

Thanks be to God that even the failures of David are no match for the grace of God as announced in the faithfulness of our True King Jesus. The King of Kings who did not fail to humbly and confidently lay down his life to win a battle we could never win on our own. Jesus is the faithful King, even for hearts that fail.