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The Snake Crusher Rules

David

Reminders

- **2017 Women's Conference - Alive In Him**

We are so excited to have Gloria Furman joining us for the Women's Conference this year.

We have planned a day full of fun and worship. Registration is NOW OPEN on our website and on The City! The price of the conference is \$69.00 for Early Bird Registration and \$79.00 for Regular Registration. We expect this event to sell out; we have limited space for only 90 attendees and spots are filling up quickly.

- The price includes lunch, an activity of your choice (hand lettering class or exit strategy), dinner at Nellie's, a special gift, along with a few other little surprises. We will begin at noon and end around 9:00pm.
- Gloria Furman will be teaching on her new book called, *Alive in Him* which is an overview of Ephesians. We are super blessed to have her here and we pray that you are encouraged by this time together!

- **Exodus Prayer and Worship Night - Wednesday, March 8.**

Join us as we gather for prayer and singing on March 8, from 6:30p-7:30p in the Belmont Worship Space. We will spend time interceding for our congregation, families, and nation. Exodus kids will be available.

- **Men's Breakfast - Saturday, March 4.**

This month's men's breakfast will be at the Golden Corral in Gastonia from 7-9am.

- **Exodus Kids Serve Rotation**

If you are looking for a place to serve at Exodus, Exodus Kids is trying to place people for their next rotation that begins in March through August. This is a place where you get to hold babies, comfort toddlers, teach pre-schoolers, or maybe learn something new from a Kindergarten- 5th grader! We are praying for some dedicated servants in this area. If you are interested or just want more information, please contact Heather Phillips at heather.phillips@theexoduschurch.org or find her on The City!

Remember

What stands out to you from the Snake Crusher series? Any particular story that has been particularly helpful?

What are some of your favorite stories from David's life? Why?

Read 2 Samuel 7

What stands out to you from the passage? From the sermon?

Deepen

David's Humble Beginnings

- Discuss 1 Samuel 16:6-7. How do you fall into this trap? Why?
- In 1 Samuel 17:31-37, we see courage rooted in a humble confidence in the Lord. How? Why are these connected?
- In David's interactions with Saul in 1 Samuel 24 and 26, we see a humble confidence as well. How?

Look back at 2 Samuel 7.

- What do we learn of God?
- What do we learn about David?

A key component of the sermon on Sunday was the issue of how we use power to serve other or to serve ourselves. Discuss the following passages and questions.

- How have you seen those two things in your own life?
- When are you most prone to use your power to serve yourself?
- Why are power and pride particularly connected?

Read Philippians 2:5-11.

How does Jesus use his power? Why is this good news?

Transform

Jesus uses his power to serve others, but he is still King. How does your heart war against that? Why?

Discuss your reaction the following quote by CS Lewis. How are you tempted to fashion Jesus into an image you are ok with?

[Proud Religious People] are worshipping an imaginary God. They theoretically admit themselves to be nothing in the presence of this phantom God, but are really all the time imagining how He approves of them and thinks them far better than ordinary people: that is, they pay a penny worth of imaginary humility to Him and get out of it a pound's worth of Pride toward their fellow men.

Read 2 Samuel 9:1-8.

How does this point us to the work of Jesus in our place?

Talk about specific ways we can use our power to serve others as a reflection of the Cross of Jesus.

Close in prayer