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The Bounce Back – Part 1

II Samuel 14:1-17

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Q: Where are you feeling “knocked down” right now? What is causing you to feel knocked down in life? What specifically?

The Problem We All Have:

1. Our situation: We are all under \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (V. 1-3)

II Sam. 14:1-3 *Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was inclined toward Absalom. 2 So Joab sent to Tekoa and brought a wise woman from there and said to her, "Please pretend to be a mourner, and put on mourning garments now, and do not anoint yourself with oil, but be like a woman who has been mourning for the dead many days; 3 then go to the king and speak to him in this manner." So Joab put the words in her mouth.*

1. The problem that we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (V. 4-7)

II Sam. 14:4-7 *Now when the woman of Tekoa spoke to the king, she fell on her face to the ground and prostrated herself and said, "Help, O king." 5 The king said to her, "What is your trouble?" And she answered, "Truly I am a widow, for my husband is dead. 6 Your maidservant had two sons, but the two of them struggled together in the field, and there was no one (deliverer) to separate them, so one struck the other and killed him. 7 Now behold, the whole family has risen against your maidservant, and they say, 'Hand over the one who struck his brother, that we may put him to death for the life of his brother whom he killed, and destroy the heir also.' Thus they will extinguish my coal which is left, so as to leave my husband neither name nor remnant on the face of the earth."*

* Justice vs. mercy.
* Law vs. grace.
* Fairness vs. compassion.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to life’s problem. (V. 8-17)
2. Extending grace to a fictitious family

II Sam. 14:8-11 *Then the king said to the woman, "Go to your house, and I will give orders concerning you." 9 The woman of Tekoa said to the king, "O my lord, the king, the iniquity is on me and my father's house, but the king and his throne are guiltless." 10 So the king said, "Whoever speaks to you, bring him to me, and he will not touch you anymore." 11 Then she said, "Please let the king remember the LORD your God, so that the avenger of blood will not continue to destroy, otherwise they will destroy my son." And he said, "As the LORD lives, not one hair of your son shall fall to the ground."*

1. But the king will not offer the same grace to his own family.

II Sam. 14:12-14 *Then the woman said, "Please let your maidservant speak a word to my lord the king." And he said, "Speak." 13 The woman said, "Why then have you planned such a thing against the people of God? For in speaking this word the king is as one who is guilty, in that the king does not bring back his banished one. 14 For we will surely die and are like water spilled on the ground which cannot be gathered up again. Yet God does not take away life, but plans ways so that the banished one will not be cast out from him.*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on! 

1. Where are you feeling “knocked down” right now? What specifically? (Financial pinch? Fear of illness? Isolation? Frustration with politics? Boredom staying at home? Dealing with the kids? Frustration with your spouse? What’s your plan for getting back up?
2. Where do you face the dilemma between grace and justice? Compassion and legal righteousness?
3. Are you ever better at seeing the potential for grace in others than in your own life? When is it easier to offer grace to a stranger than to someone in your own home, your office, your family, yourself?
4. Do you believe in the grace of Jesus Christ to redeem the world, but have trouble receiving that grace for mistakes you made?