

*Leading Peace in Chaos*

The Bounce Back – Part 8

II Samuel 19:1-15

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Q. How do you manage chaos?

Essentials for Creating Peace:

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II Samuel 19:1-7*It was told Joab, “Behold, the king is weeping and mourning for Absalom.”****2****So the victory that day was turned into mourning for all the people, for the people heard that day, “The king is grieving for his son.”****3****And the people stole into the city that day as people steal in who are ashamed when they flee in battle.****4****The king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, “O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!”****5****Then Joab came into the house to the king and said, “You have today covered with shame the faces of all your servants, who have this day saved your life and the lives of your sons and your daughters and the lives of your wives and your concubines,****6****because you love those who hate you and hate those who love you. For you have made it clear today that commanders and servants are nothing to you, for today I know that if Absalom were alive and all of us were dead today, then you would be pleased.****7****Now therefore arise, go out and speak kindly to your servants, for I swear by the Lord, if you do not go, not a man will stay with you this night, and this will be worse for you than all the evil that has come upon you from your youth until now.”*

I Corinthians 13:1-3 *If I speak in the tonguesof men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.****2****If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.****3****If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Vs. 8-15)**

II Samuel 19:8-15 *Then the king arose and took his seat in the gate. And the people were all told, “Behold, the king is sitting in the gate.” And all the people came before the king. Now Israel had fled every man to his own home. 9 And all the people were arguing throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, “The king delivered us from the hand of our enemies and saved us from the hand of the Philistines, and now he has fled out of the land from Absalom. 10 But Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why do you say nothing about bringing the king back?” 11 And King David sent this message to Zadok and Abiathar the priests: “Say to the elders of Judah, ‘Why should you be the last to bring the king back to his house, when the word of all Israel has come to the king? 12 You are my brothers; you are my bone and my flesh. Why then should you be the last to bring back the king?’ 13 And say to Amasa, ‘Are you not my bone and my flesh? God do so to me and more also, if you are not commander of my army from now on in place of Joab.’” 14 And he swayed the heart of all the men of Judah as one man, so that they sent word to the king, “Return, both you and all your servants.” 15 So the king came back to the Jordan, and Judah came to Gilgal to meet the king and to bring the king over the Jordan.*

Micah 6:8 *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

**Point:**

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on! 

1. How do you manage chaos?
2. What things have impaired your ability to lead
3. What does it take to become an effective leader of peace?
4. What is your best peacemaking quality? When have you had to be a peacemaker? What other things have you found to be helpful in the peacemaking process?
5. How should the truth that you are reconciled to God through Christ lead you toward a more mature faith?