

## THE POWER OF COMMITMENT

### COMMITMENT

- Defined: A trait of sincere steadfast fixity of purpose
  1. The act of binding yourself to a course of action
- Commitment speaks to something in us
  1. We are moved/inspired by stories of commitment
- God's kingdom operates on commitment (*Psalm 15:1-4 NLT*)
  1. These are all character traits that please God

### A PICTURE OF COMMITMENT (2 Samuel 21:8-14 NLT)

- Nothing of note about Rizpah
  1. A concubine of Saul - not enough status to marry
- What does stand out is her commitment to her sons
  1. Loved her boys - couldn't stand to see their bodies desecrated
  2. Her commitment was not comfortable
- Rizpah's commitment spoke to David
  1. Moved him to do the right thing for Saul/Jonathan
  2. Her commitment blessed the other mother of the five sons

### HOW DO WE LEVEL UP OUR COMMITMENT TO THE LORD

- A bigger purpose leads to a stronger commitment
  1. Rizpah's love for her sons and her desire to see them treated right
  2. For us living to love and honor the Lord is our highest purpose (*2 Corinthians 5:14-15 NLT*)
  3. Making the shift from what I can get from the Lord
  4. This enables us to push past things that are not comfortable/convenient
- Recognize, acknowledge, and believe the Lord's commitment to us
  1. The cross was a hard price to pay (*Mark 14:32-36 NLT*)
  2. The Lord's commitment to us is the foundation of our commitment to Him (*Isaiah 50:7 NLT*)