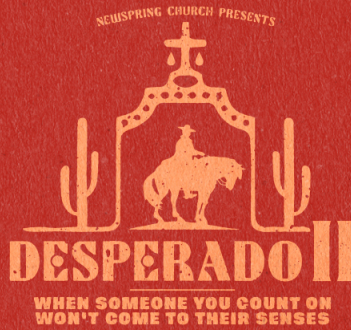




WEEK #1: WHEN YOU'RE RELATED TO A DESPERADO

INTRODUCTION

When someone you care about just can't seem to stop making bad choices, the day-to-day can be a grind, especially when it's someone you rely on. Seeing the mistakes and watching the heartbreak, day in and day out, will take a toll on a person after a while. We know desperados can come to their senses, but how do we navigate daily life with wisdom in the meantime?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Based on the definition of a desperado that Pastor Jonathan shared (see definition below) would you say you are currently related to a desperado?
2. Pastor Jonathan shared several Proverbs distinguishing a wise person from a fool (or a desperado). Do these scriptures help you recognize a desperado? How might these scriptures help keep us from becoming desperados ourselves?
3. Pastor Jonathan shared five things we learn from Abigail's story in 1 Samuel about dealing with the desperado in our family. Which of the following points is the most helpful for navigating the relationship with the desperado in your life, and why? Which is the most challenging for you, and why?
 - a. She acted quickly to make peace with the offended party.
 - b. She offered to be a wise stand-in for the desperado.
 - c. She didn't try to excuse the inexcusable.
 - d. She did what she could to make things right.
 - e. She reminded David that he wasn't a desperado.
4. As difficult and discouraging as dealing with a desperado can be, how does it encourage you to know that God protected and promoted Abigail?
5. What was your biggest takeaway from the message, and why?

SCRIPTURE & QUOTES

Proverbs 12:15, 13:16, 14:1, 14:16, 15:14, 17:12, 26:4-5 / Galatians 5:22-23 / 1 Samuel 25:1-40.

Desperado: A person who is stubbornly choosing a path that hurts themselves and others, habitually makes destructive choices, lives a consequence-ignorant life, can't be reasoned with, and has a lifestyle marked by the opposites of the "fruits of the spirit."