

**2 Samuel: "After God's Heart"
God Can Bring Unity Out Of Chaos
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What does it take to attain unity amidst chaos and uncertainty?

- 1. God's people are PROACTIVE, not REACTIVE!**
(vs 8b-15; Phil 3:12-14; Titus 3:1; James 1:22-25; 1 Peter 1:13, 3:15)

- 2. Godly MERCY is better than man's JUSTICE!**
(vs 16-30; Deut 32:4; Psalm 145:8-9; Micah 6:8; Matt 5:7; Luke 6:36; Heb 4:16; 2 Peter 3:9)

- 3. UNITY begins by demonstrating godly KINDNESS!**
(vs 31-40; Eph 4:32; Col 3:12; 2 Peter 1:5-8)

- 4. CONFLICT may be unavoidable but godly PEACE is the goal!** (vs 41-43; Rom 12:18; Eph 4:2-3; Heb 12:14)
 - * What in your life are you reacting to rather than being proactive for God?
 - * In what way can you demonstrate godly mercy rather than seeking cultural justice?
 - * Who is God calling you to be kind to, in order to preserve unity in Christ?
 - * Conflict may be unavoidable...but how are you making God's peace your priority?

