

2 Samuel 17-19 Can Love and Justice Co-exist?

Which do you prefer: love or justice?

Fight him but don't kill him

v.5 "Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake."

- a murderous treacherous, and rebellious young man

Prodigal Son (Luke 15)

How God works:

- Romans 6:23 "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord"

All is fair in love and war

Joab dispenses justice

How can the just and fair God give life to rebels?

- 1 John 4:10 "This is love; not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sin."

The Gospel message

Gospel = important news

- the gospel of death – 2 Samuel 18
- the gospel of life – "...in Jesus Christ our Lord"

Justice and Love meet at the cross of Jesus