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Key idea:

God calls leaders to bless those under their care, passing on the covenant blessings God has promised to His people.

Key text:

Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord said to Moses, ²³ “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ²⁴ ““The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”’ ²⁷ “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

Key points:

1. God has commanded that the blessing of His people should be a regular part of worship, and He extends His promised blessings when we do so.
2. God is the source and giver of the blessing, but He does this as leaders fulfill their responsibility to speak the blessing over the people.
3. The practice of speaking blessings runs from Genesis to Revelation, from God’s first words to humans to the very last verse of the Bible.
4. In the blessing Aaron was to speak, God promised the blessings of provision, protection, pardon, Presence, and peace.
5. God promised that the use of a blessing in worship actually places His name on His people, and extends His blessing to them.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. How much have you ever thought about the benediction/blessing that we do at the end of each meeting at BRCC? Before Sunday did you understand why we do this? Are there other practices in our Sunday meetings that you would like to understand better?
3. How important is the concept of blessing in the Scripture? When is the first blessing in Scripture? When is the final blessing?
4. Why is it important to understand that God is the source and giver of blessing?
5. If God is the source and giver of blessing, why does He command leaders to speak words of blessing over others? Does God usually work directly, or through humans and other secondary means?
6. Which of the five blessings in Aaron's blessing (provision, protection, pardon, Presence, and peace) is particularly needed in your life right now? How can you focus your prayers and your faith to receive this area of blessing in your life?
7. How can you better prepare to receive God's blessings by faith each week?
8. Have you ever spoken or prayed words of blessing over others? Is there someone you should speak blessing over this week? How and when can you do this?
9. Can you think of someone with whom you can share what you have learned this week? Pray for them and ask God to open a door for you to share His Word this week.

Preview of next week:

Title: Amnon, Tamar, and Absalom

Text: 2 Samuel 13