

Good morning! Many years ago, I heard Bob Mumford make this wise observation: "When all is said and done, a lot more is said than done." Is anything truer than that? And where is it more true than in the Christian community? One of the most talked about and least pursued areas of Christian life is prayer. We talk a big game about prayer but are we actually praying? This morning, let's look together into the life of a man who was often in prayer:

In the course of time, David inquired of the Lord. "Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?" he asked. The Lord said, "Go up." David asked, "Where shall I go?" "To Hebron," the Lord answered. So David went up there with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel. David also took the men who were with him, each with his family, and they settled in Hebron and its towns. Then the men of Judah came to Hebron, and there they anointed David king over the tribe of Judah.

## **2 Sam. 2:1-4**

In the movie "Fiddler on the Roof", the main character, Tevye, is always asking God what He thinks about what is happening or commenting to God about what is going on in his life. This is sometimes called "practicing the Presence" of God and it's one of the things I like best about that show. Tevye is always aware of his relationship with God. In the Bible, we read that David was a man who prayed often and the book of Psalms provides a very detailed look into David's prayer life. We read in this morning's passage "David inquired of the Lord." OK, so what was the nature of this inquiry? He asked God a question: "Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?" There was nothing special about those towns and there was nothing special about David traveling. In fact, he was a person who traveled often. What we see here though, is a man who included God in his plans. David was planning to go, but if for some reason God didn't want him to go to one of the towns of Judah, he didn't want to go there, so he stopped and asked God--- and then he waited to hear back. God told him to go and specifically, to go to Hebron. David was committed---when he went there, he went took wives and

associates and their families and settled there! I wonder how many of us would include God in the discussion of our daily travel plans. How about you? When you're getting ready to go somewhere do you ever ask God about it? Me neither...but I'm going to start doing it today. I wonder how life might change for me if I prayed before going to the various places to which I go each day. If I asked, God might say, "Don't go." Or He might say, "Don't go by your usual route; I have somebody I want you to meet along the way." This morning, begin to factor God into your plans. Ask first and then listen for His answer: you never know what God might say to you!