



### **Woodlawn**

1 Kings 21:1-10: Some time later there was an incident involving a vineyard belonging to Naboth the Jezreelite. The vineyard was in Jezreel, close to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. **2** Ahab said to Naboth, "Let me have your vineyard to use for a vegetable garden, since it is close to my palace. In exchange I will give you a better vineyard or, if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth."

**3** But Naboth replied, "The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my ancestors."

**4** So Ahab went home, sullen and angry because Naboth the Jezreelite had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my ancestors." He lay on his bed sulking and refused to eat.

**5** His wife Jezebel came in and asked him, "Why are you so sullen? Why won't you eat?"

**6** He answered her, "Because I said to Naboth the Jezreelite, 'Sell me your vineyard; or if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard in its place.' But he said, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'"

**7** Jezebel his wife said, "Is this how you act as king over Israel? Get up and eat! Cheer up. I'll get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

**8** So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, placed his seal on them, and sent them to the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth's city with him. **9** In those letters she wrote:

"Proclaim a day of fasting and seat Naboth in a prominent place among the people. **10** But seat two scoundrels opposite him and have them bring charges that he has cursed both God and the king. **Then take him out and stone him to death.**"

Isaiah 61:8: For I, the Lord, love justice..."

Amos 5:24:...let justice roll on like a river, **righteousness** like a never-failing stream!"

"...when the Spirit enables us to understand what Christ has done for us, the result is a life poured out in deeds of justice and compassion for the poor."

~ Timothy Keller

"Where is the spiritual value of rowing?... The losing of self entirely to the cooperative effort of the crew as a whole"

~George Yeoman Pocock