

2 Samuel 15 - *Absalom's Treason*

- Describe Absalom's approach to gaining more power and prestige within Israel.
 - Could you liken the behavior of Absalom at all to the politicians of our day? If so, what are some things to be aware of when e
 - Does Absalom's behavior take place within the modern church? If so, give an example of what it would look like.
 - How is Ahithophel related to David's sin with Bathsheba?
 - See 1.) 2 Samuel 23:24 and then, 2.) 2 Samuel 11:3
 - Why do you believe David was a little skeptical of Ittai's allegiance to David?
 - Do commanded the priests to return the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem?
 - Why wouldn't he want the ark with him?
 - Describe the heart behind David's response in v.26 - *"let Him do good to me as seems good to Him."*
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2 Samuel 16 - *From Exile to Insults*

- Proverbs 18:17 says, *"The first one to plead his cause seems right, until his neighbor comes and examines him."* Compare with 2 Samuel 16:3 with 2 Samuel 19:26-28.
 - How should you respond when someone begins making a case against another person to you?
 - What do you think about Abishai's attitude towards Shimei? Do you agree more with him or with David? See Exodus 22:28 as well.
 - Describe how Hushai's response to Absalom in vv. 18-19 were not lies.
 - Why do you believe Ahithophel directed Absalom to commit his crime upon the roof of the palace?
 - How could this have been the advice of Ahithophel with evil intentions and yet at the same time, have been the judgment of God (2 Samuel 12:11-12) who cannot do evil (James 1:13)?
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2 Samuel 17 - *Hushai to the Rescue*

- Ultimately, what was the reason that they all listened to Hushai's counsel? (v.14)
- Ahithophel ultimately hung himself. Why would he do that?
- Describe some of the ways in which this experience is similar to that of Jesus' final hours on earth.