

### 2 Samuel 18 - *Absalom's Death*

- What is your opinion concerning David's command to all of David's soldiers including his generals to "*deal gently ... with the young man Absalom.*"
  - Have someone read Deuteronomy 21:23. In light of this text, what do we discover about God's view on Absalom?
  - What life lessons can you extract from Absalom's hairy predicament in the tree in the light of 2 Samuel 14:25-26?
  - In your opinion, was Joab right in his taking Absalom's life?
    - How would you feel about having someone like Joab, an able person yet with little concern for your desires, as an assistant in your life?
  - Name one verse in these two chapters in which we find individuals praying and seeking the Lord's guidance.
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### 2 Samuel 19 - *David is Restored to Jerusalem*

- Why do you believe David mourned more over the death of his son Absalom than that of his baby with Bathsheba (2 Samuel 12:15-22) and that of Amnon (2 Samuel 13:23-33)?
- Then David cried, "*If only I had died in your place*", what was he in essence declaring to the soldiers who followed him?
- In v. 11, we see that the leaders in Judah were the last ones to receive David as king. Why do you think that was?
- David's response to all of those who either betrayed him or even tried to take his life was one of mercy and forgiveness.
  - How would you respond to those individuals whom David forgave had you been in their position?
  - OBSERVATION: the two greatest leaders in the OT, Moses and David, are both known for their mercy and grace against those who have plotted against them.
- Name 2 reasons why David would appoint Amasa as general over Joab.
- Who do you believe: Mephibosheth or Ziba and why?
  - What error did David make concerning them? See Proverbs 18:17
- What was the matter in dispute between the Israelites and those from the tribe of Judah (vv. 41-43) and how important was it?