

2 Samuel 15:1-37

Let Him Do What Seems Good to Him

- **Are you humble or arrogant?**
- **Do you submit to God and His authorities?**
- **When you are in danger or trouble do you pray to God?**
- **Do you trust God's will even when it is difficult or hard in life?**

Vs 1-6 Absalom was handsome and charming. It does not appear that **he ever repented** for killing his brother. Now that he has been brought back, he is trying to undermine his father and **he wants** to be king. **He wants** power. He wants to rule. **He wants** to usurp the king. **He does not submit to authority. He does not seek after God.**

Absalom gets braver as he gets men to fight with him and as he gets more of a following.

Absalom is politicking instead of seeking the Lord, following the king, and following his father.

He has an evil plan. He wants to be king even though God put David in place.

Not only does he greet everyone, he acts interested in their case, and he undermines his father by saying there is no one designated to hear it. He then follows that he wishes he was the judge implying that he would do better than David.

Romans 16:17 *I appeal to you, brothers, to **watch out** for those who **cause divisions and create obstacles** contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; **avoid them.** 18 For such persons **do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.***

Vs 7-12 Absalom had a premeditated plan to not only rally support, but also to lie to his father and ask to go worship when he really wanted to set a coup.

He wants to start gossip that he is already the king and cause confusion.

Absalom was declaring himself king. **He was prideful.** He thought he was strong.

Proverbs 16:18 *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

Ephesians 4:1 *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

Vs 13-23 David cared about his people and still had a large following. A rumor was set against him but his godly leadership still had the love of many people.

David wants his people to be blessed. David does not want them to be on the run. The people love him and want to be with him.

David is once again on the run.

He was humble. He cared about his people and he did not want the city to be destroyed. **He was not arrogant or haughty.** His son was prideful and petulant. **David sought God.** David led in a godly way.

- **When life gets tough do you seek God, trust God and pray to God? Or, do you get bitter and mad and serve yourself?**
- **When life is hard, do you abandon others or care for them and be a blessing to them?**

Vs 24-29 David trusts in the will of God.

- **Do you want your will or God's will in your life?**
- **In God we trust!**

He did not know if God would punish him because of his former actions, but he did not cling to the ark as a good luck charm.

Do you trust the Lord and His plan for you? Do you trust in your own wisdom or in God more?

David trusted God's man to give him input. He thought the priest and man of God might give him input or advice about what was needed.

God puts godly people in our life to give us godly input. We should be open to that!

Vs 30-37 David was weeping and mourning. He was on the run and his kingdom was under attack, but his mourning was likely more of a result in his son rebelling.

David prayed and asked God to confuse Absalon's council.

Do you trust God to advocate for you and help you as His child?! Do you pray when things get difficult?

David's prayer was answered and help came to him. **God hears our prayers.**

Romans 8:26-29 *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.*

God sends David a trusted ally and spy after his prayer and worship.

David is humble and seeks God in crises. David cares for his people.

David trusts God and His plan. David's son is prideful and does not seek after God.

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