

David's RESPONSE

- David will not passively RESIGN.
- David will not aggressively FIGHT for CONTROL.
- David will ACTIVELY TRUST.
- David understands the kingdom is not HIS but GOD'S.
- God who MADE him king is God who will KEEP him king or REMOVE him as king.
- David is surrendered to the sovereign PLAN and PURPOSE of God.
- Trusting God is not EASY, but often AGONIZING. David WEEPS!

THE LIFE OF DAVID

David and Absalom
2 Samuel 15
Sunday, February 10, 2019

As a young man, David faced the challenge of Saul. Now as an older man, David faces the challenge of Absalom. It's a sad story, but one that contains lessons about rebellion, God's sovereignty and our trust . . .

Absalom's REBELLION

The evolution of the rebellion . . .

1. Absalom CRAFTED and PROJECTED an image.
2. Absalom BUILT a FOLLOWING of people.
3. Absalom LEVERAGED the power of RELIGION.

The causes of the rebellion . . .

1. Absalom's EVIL AMBITION.
2. David's NEGLIGENCE.
3. God's JUDGEMENT.

COMING NEXT WEEK:

The Death of David | 2 Samuel 23:1-7

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Connecting and Caring for One Another

As you come together this week as a group, take time to connect and share your joys and trials with one another.

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. How did you come under God's Word in the message and text this week?
2. Read 2 Samuel 13:1-15:26. These are messy, sad chapters! What are your thoughts and feelings as you read them?
3. In 2 Samuel 15:1-12, how does Absalom craft and project an image, build a following and leverage religion to advance his rebellion? Look closely at the text and flesh it out!

4. Do you recognize Absalom's strategies and schemes in today's world? (Think political movements, business IPO launches and church splits!)
5. How do you process the challenging truth that the reasons for Absalom's rebellion include his own ambition, David's negligence as a father AND God's sovereign judgement? How can this be?
6. Look closely at 15:25-26 which explains David's extraordinary response to Absalom's rebellion. How does this take us back to David's long struggle with Saul? How does David's response here compare with his response there?
7. Trusting God is not easy, but often agonizing. David is weeping as he leaves Jerusalem in 15:30. Is there a circumstance in your life right now where you are striving and struggling to actively trust God instead of passively resigning or aggressively fighting for control?

Praying Together

Pray for one another as you strive and struggle together to trust God in the joys and trials of life.