

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: March 23, 2023**  
**2 Samuel 15:13-37**

1. What happened in our text last week?
  - a. Absalom weaseled his way back into the good graces of the king.
  - b. Absalom increased his influence.
  - c. Absalom positioned himself to criticize the king and make people believe things would be better with him in charge.
  - d. Absalom asked for position to go worship, but planned for people to declare him king in Hebron.
  
2. What happened in 15:13-14?
  - a. A messenger came and told David what was going on.
  - b. David said to all his officials, "Come! We must flee, or none of us will escape from Absalom...."
  - c. He seems to think he is saving himself, his officials, and the city.
  
3. How did the officials respond, according to 15:15? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What happened in 15:17-21?
  - a. The king set out with all the people following him.
  - b. They halted at the edge of the city.
  - c. All his men marched past him, including 600 Gittites who had accompanied him from Gath.
  - d. The king told Ittai, the Gittite, to go back and stay with King Absalom. He said "You came only yesterday. And today shall I make you wander about with us..."
  - e. Ittai replied to the king "As surely as the Lord lives, and as my lord the king lives, wherever my lord the king may be, whether it means life or death, there will your servant be."
  
5. How did David respond in 15:22? \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. How did those in the Israelite countryside respond, according to 15:23? \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. What happened in 15:24-29?
  - a. Zadok and all the Levites were carrying the ark of the covenant of God with David.
  - b. They set down the ark of God and Abiathar offered sacrifices until everyone with David had left the city.
  - c. The King told Zadok to take the ark back into the city and "If I find favor in the Lord's eyes, he will bring me back and let me see it and his dwelling place again. But if he says, 'I am not pleased with you,' then I am ready; let him do to me whatever seems good to him.
  - d. Zadok and Abiathar took the ark of God back to Jerusalem and stayed there. \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What do we learn about David's retreat in 15:30?
  - a. David continued up the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went.
  - b. David's head was covered, and he was barefoot. The people also covered their heads too and were weeping.
  
9. What is the significance of this? \_\_\_\_\_
  
10. What happens in 15:31-37?
  - a. David prays that God would turn Ahithophel's counsel into foolishness.
  - b. David advised Hushai the Arkite to stay with Absalom and help David by frustrating Ahithophel's advice...he was planting a mole.