

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: April 12, 2023
2 Samuel 17:24-18:18

1. What has happened in our last Bible study?
 - a. Ahithophel gave Absalom advice to attack David quickly with a smaller group while he and his men are tired from traveling.
 - b. Absalom got a second opinion from Hushai, who was siding with David, and Hushai told him to wait and send all of Israel's army.
 - c. Absalom decided to use Hushai's advice and Hushai sent the priests sons to tell David.
 - d. Absalom was told about these spies telling David, so he sent somebody to search for them, but they were hidden.
 - e. Ahithophel hung himself when he realized that the king no longer took his advice as the word of God.

2. What happened next in 17:24-18:2?
 - a. Absalom sent his army across the Jordan under the command of Amasa.
 - b. David stopped and was brought bedding and food because his people were exhausted and hungry.
 - c. David appointed commanders of thousands and hundreds and committed to march out with his men.

3. What happened in 18:3-5?
 - a. David's men told him he couldn't go. It didn't matter if half of them were dead, but he needed to remain alive. They wanted him to stay in the city.
 - b. David did what his men thought was best.
 - c. The king commanded his commanders to "Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake."
 - d. All the men heard the king give these orders.

4. What was the outcome of the battle, according to 18:5-8? _____

5. What happened in 18:9-10?
 - a. Absalom happened to meet David's men.
 - b. He was riding his mule.
 - c. As the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak, Absalom's hair got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair, while the mule he was riding kept on going.
 - d. One of the men told Joab that he had just saw Absalom hanging in an oak tree.

6. How did Joab respond, according to 18:11? _____
7. What was the man's response, according to 18:12-13? _____
8. What did Joab do next, according to 18:14-15? _____
9. Why do you think Joab did this? _____

10. What happened next, according to 18:16-18? _____
