

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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2 Samuel 20

1. What happened in our text last week?
 - a. People in Israel were saying, “why haven’t we brought David back, he saved us from the Philistines and now we don’t have a king.”
 - b. David sent a message to Judah saying why haven’t you brought me back, my own family, when everybody else is talking about it.
 - c. Judah came out to meet David at the Jordan...and everybody who had a strained relationship with David showed up to, even Shemei with 1000 Benjamites.
 - d. Israel and Judah started arguing about who should be able to bring David back.

2. What do we learn in 20:1-2?
 - a. A troublemaker came too. Why does there always have to be one of those around.
 - b. It seems like after the argument, Sheba decided to throw a little fit and convinced all of Israel to abandon David.

Do we still act like this today when our pride is hurt and we don’t get our way? _____

3. What happened then in 20:3? _____
Why is this significant? _____

4. What happened in 20:4-13?
 - a. David sent Amasa to summon the men of Judah to come to him within three days (he needed to take care of the Sheba problem).
 - b. Amasa took longer than the time the king had set for him.
 - c. David decided to move forward before Amasa had returned because he was concerned that Sheba would do more harm than Absalom did. He sent Joab’s men and the Kerethites and Pelethites out under the command of Abishai to pursue Sheba.
 - d. Amasa met the army at the great rock in Gibeon...and Joab pretended to pull him in for a brotherly kissed, but stabbed him instead and killed him.
 - e. When they went to move on, everyone kept stopping when they came to Amasa, so Joab removed him from the road and the army continued to pursue Sheba.

What happened to the David that left Jerusalem thinking that maybe it was the will of God moving against him? _____

What do we learn about Joab in this...or maybe we already knew? _____

5. What happened in 20:14-22?
 - a. Joab and his troops besieged Sheba and they built a siege ramp and began battering the wall to bring it down.
 - b. A wise woman called from the city and asked for Joab to come to her.
 - c. The woman asked Joab why they are trying to destroy a city that is peaceful and faithful and used to be the place where people came to get answers or wisdom.
 - d. Joab responded by saying he did not want to destroy the city, but Sheba had lifted his hand against the king. He asked them to hand him over and they would withdraw.
 - e. The woman promised that Sheba’s head would be thrown to him over the wall...and that’s what happened.

6. How does this all fit with what we know about David? _____