
2 Samuel 15:34 *But if you return to the city and say to Absalom, 'I will be your servant, O king; I was your father's servant in the past, but now I will be your servant,' then you can help me by frustrating Ahithophel's advice.*

³⁵ *Won't the priests Zadok and Abiathar be there with you? Tell them anything you hear in the king's palace.*

³⁶ *Their two sons, Ahimaaz son of Zadok and Jonathan son of Abiathar, are there with them. Send them to me with anything you hear."*

³⁷ So **David's friend** Hushai arrived at Jerusalem as Absalom was entering the city.

4. _____ needs.

Proverbs 17:17

2 Samuel 17:27 *When David came to Mahanaim, Shobi son of Nahash from Rabbah of the Ammonites, and Makir son of Ammiel from Lo Debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim*

²⁸ *brought bedding and bowls and articles of pottery. They also brought wheat and barley, flour and roasted grain, beans and lentils,*

²⁹ *honey and curds, sheep, and cheese from cows' milk for David and his people to eat. For they said, "The people have become hungry and tired and thirsty in the desert."*

2 Cor. 12:15 *I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls.*

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The Necessity of Friendships

2 Tim. 4:16 *At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them.*

¹⁷ *But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.*

Four Kinds of Friends

1. Loyalty & F in the Face of Failure

2 Samuel 15:13 *A messenger came and told David, "The hearts of the men of Israel are with Absalom."*

¹⁴ *Then David said to all his officials who were with him in Jerusalem, "Come! We must flee, or none of us will escape from Absalom. We must leave immediately, or he will move quickly to overtake us and bring ruin upon us and put the city to the sword."*

2 Samuel 15:15 *The king's officials answered him, "Your servants are ready to do whatever our lord the king chooses."*

Proverbs 18:24 *A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

2 Samuel 15:16 *The king set out, with his entire household following him....*

¹⁷ *So the king set out, with all the people following him, and they halted at a place some distance away.*

¹⁸ *All his men marched past him, along with the Kerethites*

and Pelethites; and all the six hundred Gittites who had accompanied him from Gath marched before the king.

2 Samuel 15:19 The king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why should you come along with us? Go back and stay with King Absalom. You are a foreigner, an exile from your homeland.

²⁰ You came only yesterday....

²⁰ And today shall I make you wander about with us, when I do not know where I am going? Go back, and take your countrymen. May kindness and faithfulness be with you."

2 Sam. 15:21 But 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."

2. " _____ " you.

2 Samuel 15:23 The whole countryside wept aloud as all the people passed by. The king also crossed the Kidron Valley, and all the people moved on toward the desert.

²⁴ Zadok was there, too, and all the Levites who were with him were carrying the ark of the covenant of God. They set down the ark of God, and Abiathar offered sacrifices until all the people had finished leaving the city.

2 Samuel 15:25 Then the king said to Zadok, "Take the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the LORD's eyes, he will bring me back and let me see it and his dwelling place again.

²⁶ But if he says, 'I am not pleased with you,' then I am ready; let him do to me whatever seems good to him."

2 Samuel 15:27 The king also said to Zadok the priest, "Aren't you a seer? Go back to the city in peace, with your son Ahimaaz and Jonathan son of Abiathar. You and Abiathar take your two sons with you.

Philippians 2:20-21 I have no one else like him who takes a genuine interest in you, for everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

2 Samuel 15:28 I will wait at the fords in the desert until word comes from you to inform me."

²⁹ So Zadok and Abiathar took the ark of God back to Jerusalem and stayed there.

³⁰ But David continued up the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went; his head was covered and he was barefoot. All the people with him covered their heads too and were weeping as they went up.

3. Grief _____ . (Sharers)

Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.

2 Samuel 15:32 When David arrived at the summit, where people used to worship God, Hushai the Arkite was there to meet him, his robe torn and dust on his head.

Romans 12:15
