

Trust in the Lord

2 Samuel 15:13-17:29

Key Verse: 15:25-26

1. When David learned of Absalom's conspiracy, what was his immediate response? (13–14) Why did he respond in this way? At this time of crisis, who were David's loyal followers? (15–18) What was David's concern for Ittai the Gittite, and how did Ittai respond? (19–22) What can we learn from each of them?
2. Why did David flee Jerusalem and not take the ark with him? (15:14,25–26) How was he mindful toward his friend at a desperate time? (15:19–20) When he heard the news of Ahithophel joining Absalom's rebellion, what did he do? (15:31,34–37) Read 15:25–26. What can we learn about how to respond to God's discipline? (Heb12:5–7,12–13)
3. What was the people's sentiment? (23) What did the priests do? (24) What does this show about David's kingdom? Read verses 25–26. What order did David give? (Contrast with 1Sa4:3,21; see also 2Sa6:6–9.) How did he interpret his predicament? (25–26) How did this express his faith in God's sovereignty and his surrender to the Lord?
4. Who did David send back to Jerusalem, and why? (27–29) Describe David on his way up the Mount of Olives (30). When he heard that Ahithophel had joined Absalom's conspiracy, how must David have felt, and what did he do? (31; Ps41:9) What can we learn from him?
5. Read 16:11–12. What can we learn from David who took responsibility for his own sin when Shimei cursed him? How did God work through David's prayer and act of faith in sending Hushai to Absalom's court? (16:15–17:23; especially see 17:14.)
6. After David prayed, who was there at the summit to meet him? (32) What mission did David give him? (33–37) As he surrendered to him, how did God begin to help David? (17:14) In these chapters what can we learn from David who surrendered to the Lord in the midst of hardships? (Heb12:5–7)