

Restoration

2 Samuel 18 - 19

Key Verse: 19:14

1. What indicates that David's confidence as a leader of God's people had been restored? (18:1–4) (18:6–17) Why did Joab ignore David's order and kill Absalom? What was Absalom's legacy? (18:18; 1Sa15:12)
 2. Who was Ahimaaz and what was his motive in wanting to run to tell David the news? (15:27,36; 17:17–21; 18:19–28) What was the Cushite's report? (18:29–32) Read 18:33. How did David respond? How did David's mourning for Absalom reflect God's own heart for sinners? (Eze33:11; Ro10:21; 2Pe3:9) What should we learn here?
 3. How did David's concern for Absalom and grief over his death reflect God's own heart? (18:5,33; 19:2–4; cf. Mt5:44–45; Lk23:34a; Ro10:21) How was David a contrast to other leaders, including Joab? (18:14; 19:5–8; 2Ki11:1)
 4. How does David's behavior on his return to Jerusalem as king reveal the nature of his kingdom? (19:16–39) How was civil war averted and David's kingship restored? (19:40–20:26)
 5. Summarize what you learn in this study about God's nature, and, about how to respond to his discipline. What can we learn through these chapters about the kind of spiritual leader God wants us to be?
- DAVID'S KINGDOM IS RESTORED (19:1–20:26)
6. How did God use Joab to help David? (19:1–8a) What conflict erupted throughout Israel? (19:8b–10) How did David win over the people's hearts? (19:11–15) How did David deal with Shimei, and why? (19:16–23) What did he do with Mephibosheth and Ziba? (19:24–30) How had Barzillai been a comfort to David? (19:31–39)