



<p><b>the book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel</b> <b>Thursday Morning Bible Class</b></p>	<p>LEARNING BIBLE STORIES IS FUN WITH </p> <p><b>the LORD CALLS SAMUEL</b></p> 
<p><b>2 Samuel 18 - 19</b></p>	

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<p><b>Death of Absalom – 18:1-18</b>  † 1 – David seeks to regain his throne.  † 2- He organized his army with three commanders: Joab, Abishai and Ittai  † 3 – David wants to go with the army, but they said, “No.” He is too valuable.  † 5 – David is explicit in how they were to handle Absalom.</p>
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<p><b>Death of Absalom – 18:1-18</b>  † 6 – The battle was fought “in the forest of Ephraim.” Not sure where that was.  † 7 – Absalom’s army is soundly defeated.  † 8 – The thick forest claimed more lives than the battle.  † 9 – Absalom’s hair was caught in a tree. Absalom is cursed.</p>
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**Death of Absalom – 18:1-18**

- † 10-12 – A soldier saw Absalom and told Joab. He didn't kill him because he didn't want to go against David's order.
- † 14-15 – So Joab killed him himself. Why? Because it stopped the civil war.
- † 16 – Once Absalom is dead, Joab orders a truce.
- † 18 – Absalom had erected his own monument.

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**David Hears of the Death – 18:19-33**

- † Here again we see the complexity of David's character. While he should be rejoicing that his crown is saved, he is in deep depression over the death of his rebellious son.
- † 19 – Ahimaaz, the high priest's son, wanted to take the good news to David.
- † 20 – But Joab knew that this would not be good news to David.

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**David Hears of the Death – 18:19-33**

- † 21 – Joab instead sends a Cushite to "tell David what he had seen."
- † 22 – Ahimaaz still wants to go, but Joab says there would be no reward.
- † 23 – Ahimaaz beat the Cushite.
- † 25 – A lone runner was bearing good news.
- † 26 – A second runner is also seen.

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**David Hears of the Death – 18:19-33**

- † 28 – Ahimaaz reports that the battle had been won.
- † 29 – But he says he had not seen what happened to Absalom.
- † 31 32 – The Cushite reported the same, but David wants to know about Absalom.
- † 33 – David went into deep grief, calling out his son's name over and over again.

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**Joab Rebukes David – 19:1-8a**

- † 1-2 David's grief affected the whole army so that they acted like they had been defeated.
- † 4 – David continued to loudly cry out in grief.
- † 5-6 – Joab confronts the king, accusing David of misplaced loyalty. His grief brought shame on his troops.
- † 7 – David need to change his behavior or his troops would abandon him.

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**David Returns – 19:8b-43**

- † David's troubles are not over. The northern tribes who supported Absalom, now have to decide if they will support David. So does the men of Judah who supported Absalom.
- † 9-10 – The northern tribes are arguing about bringing David back as king. He did defeat the Philistines, and was the logical choice.

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**David Returns – 19:8b-43**

- † 11 – David sent word to his allies in Jerusalem to appeal to the elders of Judah to support him.
- † 13 – To placate the supporters of Absalom, David placed Amasa, Absalom’s commander, over the army in place of Joab. This would prove to be a bad choice.

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**David Returns – 19:8b-43**

- † 14 – But David’s offer elicited an invitation from Judah for David to return as king.
- † 15 – David crosses the Jordan at Gilgal where people met and escorted him.
- † 16 – Shimei, the one who insulted David, now is the first to beg for mercy.
- † 17 – With him were 1000 Benjaminites as well as Ziba.

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**David Returns – 19:8b-43**

- † 18-20 – Shimei admitted he had done wrong, but was the first of the northern tribes to meet David.
- † 21 – Abishai again wants to execute Shimei.
- † 22-23 – But David says no. He doesn’t want to do anything to upset the northern tribes.
- † 24 – Mephibosheth meets David.

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**David Returns – 19:8b-43**

- † 25-26 – Why didn't he support David? Because Ziba betrayed him.
- † 27 – Ziba had slandered him, but David would know how to deal with it.
- † 29- David reversed his previous ruling and divided Saul's estate between the two.
- † 30 – Mephibosheth said Ziba could take it all.

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**David Returns – 19:8b-43**

- † 31 – Barzillai, who had supported David was also there.
- † 32-34 – David invited him to Jerusalem, but he said he was too old.
- † 37 – He wanted to go home, but offers his servant Chimham to receive the reward. Probably his son.

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**David Returns – 19:8b-43**

- † 39-40 – The king crossed the Jordan with the people of Judah and half the people of Israel.
- † 41-42 – The Israelites complained that Judah had stolen the honor, but they said they deserved the honor.
- † 43 – Their argument demonstrated the ongoing rift in the nation.

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