

COMING UP ... **DEC 15** David's Psalms: 3, 6, 41, 55, 61-63 **DEC 22, 29** NO CLASS (Christmas) **JAN 5** NO CLASS (New Year) **JAN 12** 2 Sam 20-23

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## 2 SAMUEL 15-19

Absalom is now walking in the worst part of David's 60'ish year-old footsteps

Amnon: murdered by Absalom for taking Tamar

Absalom in the gate deceitfully taking the nation

David's private agony is now in the public eye

Will David respond with Saul's "tight-fisted" kind of heart ...

... or will pain reveal a different heart in David?

**LESSON THEME:** Revealing the heart of God when your own heart is in pain

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### A Man With God's Own Heart

He's deceived and betrayed by his inner circle

Abandoned by the people

Plotted against by counterfeit leadership

... but prayed and worshiped though in pain

Insulted by onlookers

... but waited on God's resolution

... merciful and gracious to those who formerly insulted him

... rewarded those who remained loyal to him

*When David's heart is squeezed in the vise of pain, it's the Savior's heart that's revealed to others*

### A Man With God's Own Heart

Jesus is betrayed by Judas from His inner circle

Abandoned by His disciples and the nation

Plotted against by counterfeit leadership

... but prayed and worshiped though in agony

Insulted on the cross by onlookers

... but waited three days for God's resolution

... merciful and gracious to sinners who formerly scorned Him

... rewarded those with renewed loyalty to Him

### Lessons From The "Davids"

These are truly men after God's Own heart ...

They sacrificed so others wouldn't suffer or die

Surrendered themselves fully to God's will

Completely trusted God's promises to them

Prayed and worshiped even though in pain

Waited for God's resolution and vindication

Merciful and gracious to those who formerly scorned them

Rewarded those who remained loyal to them

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*Application:* When your heart is squeezed in the vise of pain, whose heart is revealed?

## **Squeezed In The Vise Of Pain**

In the midst of emotional/relational pain ...

An employee or a partner stealing a client ... or even taking the whole business

An employee who's unjustly "assassinating" you

Deception and/or betrayal in your marriage

A wayward son or daughter

A strained family or work relationship

Being out of work, feeling unwanted, but still looking desperately

## **The Heart Of The Savior**

Let go of what "they" want to take

2 Samuel 16:11-14

1 Cor 6:1-8; it's better to be wronged than sue

Walk away, but defend yourself if attacked

Saul fought desperately to hold onto what God was taking away from him

David put the good and safety of others ahead of his own and walked away without a fight

EXCEPTION: a spouse or family member

Surrender your will in the matter

Matthew 26:36-46

"Not my will but Yours"

Hold everything with an open hand

Your roles, rights, financial security, dreams, expectations, your imagined future, etc.

Pray and worship

Trust God's promises

Hebrews 13:5

Matthew 6:33

Romans 12:19-21

Romans 8:18-39

Wait for God's resolution

If ... then be merciful and gracious to those who formerly scorned you (Matt 18:21-22)

He rewards those who remain loyal to Him

*Whose heart do people see when your heart is being squeezed ... yours or Jesus'?*

**FOR NEXT TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_

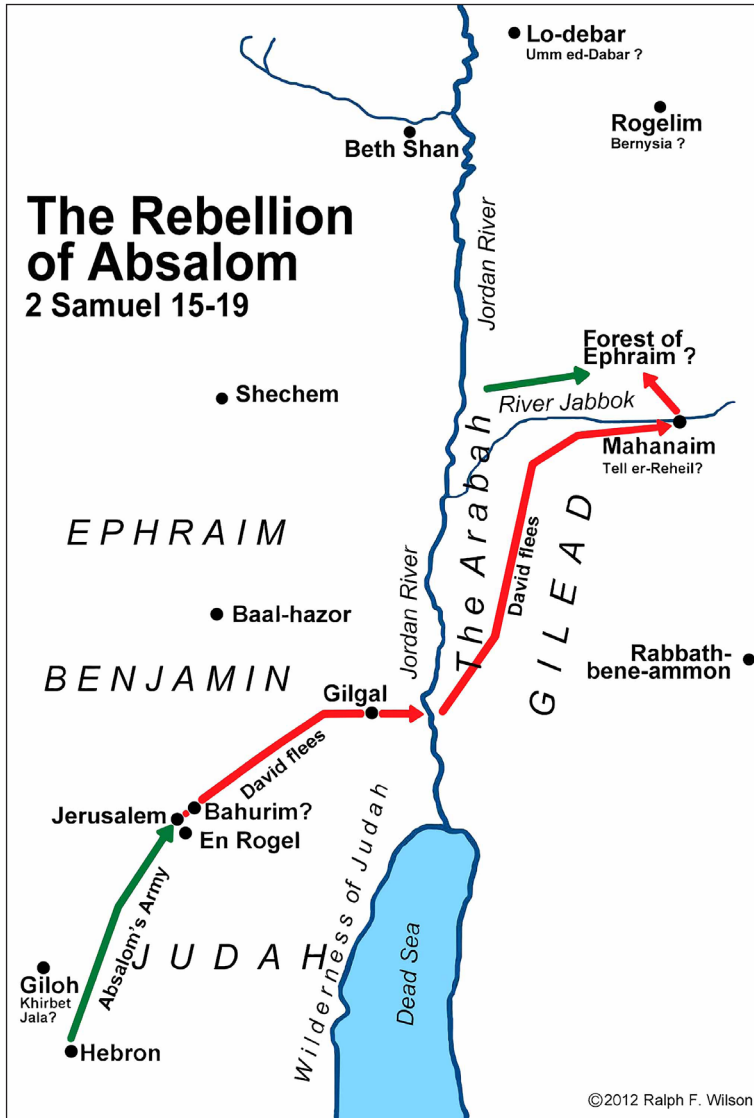
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