

monument to a

REBELLIOUS HEART

[2 Samuel 18:1-18]

1. Regardless of our rank or position, there are times when **YIELDING** to others is best. (*Ephesians 5:21; Galatians 5:13; Romans 14:19; 1 Peter 3:8; Proverbs 12:1,15; 15:31-33, 19:20, 27:17*)
2. God **FIGHTS** for us - whether through a forest or some other force! (*Exodus 14:14; 2 Chronicles 20:17; Deuteronomy 20:4; Psalm 34:17; James 4:6; Romans 8:31; Isaiah 41:10, 43:2; Joshua 1:5,9*)
3. That which makes us **PROUD** can prove to be our **DOWNFALL**. (*Proverbs 11:2, 13:10, 16:5,18, 26:12; Isaiah 2:12; Jeremiah 9:23*)
4. Then...there are those who are **FIERCELY LOYAL** to their king. (*Luke 14:26-27; Mark 8:34-35; Romans 1:16; 1 John 3:24; Hosea 6:6; John 6:68-69*)
5. There is no **INSPIRATION** to be drawn from those who are self-centered and egotistical. (*1 Corinthians 15:33; Titus 2:7; 1 Corinthians 5:11,11:1; Philippians 3:17; Proverbs 13:20, 14:7; 1 John 4:1; 2 Corinthians 6:14; Psalm 1:1*)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. David yielded / submitted to his commanders (even though he was the king) (verse 4). When is it difficult for you to submit to someone? How are we to know when to submit and when to 'resist'?
3. David instructed his commanders, "Deal gently with Absalom [for my sake]"...not for Absalom's sake. What does this reveal about David's character? What might have been going through David's mind when he issued this order?
4. Despite his son's fierce betrayal, David loved him. How can we reconcile this? What's the application for us when dealing with personal betrayal? (David and his men 'won', yet his son died...There's a lot to reconcile in this account...and in our life. Just a thought.)
5. Verse 8 says, "the forest devoured more people that day than the sword." What is the Holy Spirit telling us in this detail / picture?
6. The "certain man" (verse 10) who found Absalom hanging in the tree didn't touch him out of loyalty to David. Yet Joab blatantly disobeyed David's command regarding Absalom (question 3). Was this the right thing for this man / Joab to do? Why? Why not?
7. What are some lessons we can learn from David's experience with Absalom - David's parenting, the rebellion, Absalom's death?