

ANOTHER **REBEL**

[2 Samuel 20]

1. May I serve to draw others **CLOSER** to **JESUS** and not pull them away or cause them to **STUMBLE**. (*Luke 17:2; Romans 14:13,19; 1 Corinthians 8:9, 10:32, 14:26; Matthew 18:6-9; Ephesians 4:29; 2 Corinthians 6:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:24-25*)
2. Don't allow **DISTRACTION** or **DELAY** to prevent you from doing what must be done. (*Proverbs 12:24, 13:4; Ephesians 5:15-17; James 4:17; Luke 9:59-62; John 9:4; Luke 12:35; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Colossians 3:23; Galatians 6:2; 1 Corinthians 15:58*)
3. Not everyone who greets you **WARMLY** genuinely desires your **GOOD**. (*Matthew 26:48-54; Luke 22:47-48; Psalm 55:21; Matthew 6:1, 7:15; 2 Timothy 3:5; 1 John 4:1*)
4. **LISTENING** to those who are peaceable and faithful can prove to be extremely helpful. (*James 1:19; Proverbs 2:2, 10:17, 11:14, 12:15, 19:27; Matthew 7:24; Jeremiah 33:3; James 1:5, 3:17; 1 Corinthians 15:33; Ecclesiastes 4:13*)
5. Be careful who you **TAKE OUT** in the process of attacking an 'enemy' or responding to a situation. (*Matthew 18:15; Luke 17:3*)
6. We must deal **DECISIVELY** with sin in our life. (*Matthew 5:29-30; 1 John 1:9; Hebrews 10:26; James 5:16; Ephesians 4:26-27, 31; Romans 12:21*)



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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. Clearly Sheba served to pull people away from King David... The Apostle Paul said (2 Corinthians 6:3) "We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry..." In what ways do we as believers put obstacles and stumbling blocks before other believers? Before nonbelievers? What is the danger in this, and how can we guard against doing it?
3. Joab seems to listen readily to the advise from the woman of Abel Beth Maacah (even in the midst of a full-on military attack!) Why are we often quick to discount advice we receive? Why is it important to discount nothing, but consider everything?
4. The wise woman of Abel Beth Maacah spared the entire city from destruction by advising Joab to only go after the one man leading the rebellion. Today, when someone sins against us / offends us, the temptation exists to 'talk about' them / the issue. What does Jesus tell us in Matthew 18:15 regarding how to respond to such situations? Why is this so important? How could this woman's advice be applied today?
5. Verse 2 says that "the men of Judah followed their king steadfastly from the Jordan to Jerusalem." (We have talked a lot over the past few weeks about loyalty and betrayal.) The Jordan River is a Biblical picture of spiritual renewal, salvation, and freedom. Jerusalem is the city where the king reigned. Put the two of these together, and there is a beautiful picture! How do we move from the place of salvation/renewal (Jordan) to the place where Jesus (our King) reigns in our life (Jerusalem)?