

sometimes, it's time to
WALK AWAY

[2 Samuel 15]

1. Be careful of appearing **SPIRITUAL** while having ulterior or improper **MOTIVES**. (2 Timothy 3:5; Matthew 7:21-23; 1 John 2:3-5; Mark 7:9; John 13:35; Galatians 5:22; Proverbs 21:2; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; 1 Timothy 1:5; 1 Samuel 16:7)
2. **UNHEALTHY** things grow too. This is why we must recognize them and cut them off. (Revelation 18:4; 1 John 1:9; Colossians 3:5-15; Ephesians 4:22-31; Proverbs 28:13; James 4:7)
3. Sometimes, not just for our sake but for the sake of **OTHERS**, we need to walk away. (Philippians 2:3-11; John 15:13; Ephesians 5:21; Philippians 4:5; Titus 3:2; Romans 12:16; 1 Corinthians 10:24, 13:4-5)
4. Our commitment to Christ is not to be a fair-weather friendship but an **ALL OR NOTHING** devotion. (Proverbs 17:17; John 15:13; Ruth 1:16-17; 1 Corinthians 4:2, 13:7, 16:13-14; Psalm 78:8; Matthew 6:24; Titus 3:1)
5. As we go, we need no representation of God because **GOD HIMSELF** is with us! (Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 41:10; Joshua 1:9; Zephaniah 3:17; Psalm 23:4; Deuteronomy 31:6; Hebrews 13:5; Romans 8:38-39; John 14:16-17)
6. Even when we must walk away, God does not walk away! He still **REIGNS** over the situation, the circumstances, and my hurting heart. (Psalm 3; Psalm 4, 5, 42, 43, 55, 62, 70, 71;



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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. What are some similarities between David (in this chapter) and Jesus?
3. Psalm 55 was likely written when David fled from Absalom. (Re-read Psalm 55:4-8 to get more insight on how David felt.) What is one of the most fearful situations or seasons through which you've had to walk? Compare your thoughts going into it and coming out of it. How did the Lord meet you in that valley?
4. Some comment that D should have stuck around and resisted Absalom. What are some reasons why he did not do that? How do we know when should we contend for what is rightfully ours and when should we walk away?
5. The enemy likely wanted David to feel like he was all alone and hopeless (and David certainly struggled during this season), but we read of a number of people who were still loyal to David. How did they show their loyalty to David? How can we show the love of Christ and loyalty to those walking through difficult seasons?