

BRINGING THE BANISHED HOME

2 Samuel 14

1. When relationships around you go sour, be one who encourages **RECONCILIATION**. (Ephesians 4:1-6,32; 1 Corinthians 12:26-47; Matthew 5:23-26, 18:15-17; Hebrews 12:14; Colossians 3:13; 1 Peter 4:8)
2. There is a time to '**THINK** about' a matter and a time to **ACT** on it. (James 4:17; Psalm 34:14; Proverbs 3:27, 21:3; Psalm 143:10; Romans 12:21; Isaiah 1:17)
3. **MERCY** triumphs over **JUDGMENT**. (James 2:13; Matthew 5:7, 9:13; Luke 6:36; Hebrews 4:16; Titus 3:5; Micah 6:8, 7:18; Psalm 86:5, 103:8, 145:9)
4. God devises a way to **BRING US BACK** when we have been separated from Him. (Genesis 3:10-12,16; Ephesians 2:1-13; 1 Peter 1:3; 2 Peter 3:9; Romans 10:13; Acts 4:12; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Luke 15:11-32)
5. "God reconciles us by **SATISFYING** justice, not by **IGNORING** justice." (D. Guzik) (Isaiah 53:4-11; Romans 3:21-26, 5:1,9; Hebrews 2:17, 9:24-26; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 2:2, 4:10; 1 Peter 3:18)
6. Going **OVERBOARD** in an attempt to strongly **DISCIPLINE** will not make up for the times you didn't do **ENOUGH**. (Colossians 3:21; Psalm 37:8; Proverbs 4:23)
7. What kind of **KISS** was that? (Proverbs 27:6; 1 Peter 5:14; 2 Corinthians 13:12; Mark 14:43-46)



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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. Why was Joab so anxious to see Absalom return to Jerusalem? Did Joab encourage reconciliation the proper way? What could (should?) he have done differently?
3. What are the similarities between Nathan's confrontation of David (2 Samuel 12) and this woman's confrontation of David? How did David's responses in chapters 12 and 14 differ?
4. David finally agrees to allow Absalom to return, but he refuses to even see his son. What damage could / did this cause? What should David have done instead? What damage does 'partial reconciliation' cause in our relationships with others?
5. It appears that Absalom is more focused on the wrongs that were being done against him than he was on the wrongs that he had done. Why is it often easier to see others' sins than to acknowledge and respond accordingly to our own?
6. What do we learn in this chapter about the dangers of outward appearances?
7. In a moment of complete (and understandable) frustration, Absalom burned Joab's fields to get his attention. How do we sometimes respond when we don't get what we want? How do you need to change / grow in this area?