

## **WHAT LOYALTY LOOKS LIKE**

### **2 Samuel 15:12-37**

#### **1. It looks like David to the nation when he does what is best for the country rather than for himself**

*So David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, or we shall not escape from Absalom. Make haste to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly and bring disaster upon us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword." (14)*

#### **2. It looks like David's mighty men to David when they stood with David through good times and bad**

*Then all his servants passed before him; and all the Cherethites, all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who had followed him from Gath, passed before the king. (18)*

#### **3. It looks like Ittai to David when he stayed committed no matter what it might cost him**

*But Ittai answered the king and said, "As the Lord lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely in whatever place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also your servant will be." (21)*

#### **4. It looks like David to God when he trusted God with his life and future**

*Then the king said to Zadok, "Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the Lord, He will bring me back and show me both it and His dwelling place. (25)*

#### **5. It looks like Zadok and his sons to David when they kept their eyes and ears open for information that would help David**

*The king also said to Zadok the priest, "Are you not a seer? Return to the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. See, I will wait in the plains of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me." (27-28)*

#### **6. It looks like Hushai to David when he defended his friend even when he wasn't around**

*But if you return to the city, and say to Absalom, 'I will be your servant, O king; as I was your father's servant previously, so I will now also be your servant,' then you may defeat the counsel of Ahithophel for me. (34)*