

**TO ALL THE REBELS**  
**2 Samuel 18:1-18**

**If you choose to rebel against God, remember this:**

**1. No matter how rebellious you get; your Father will never stop loving you**

*Now the king had commanded Joab, Abishai, and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” (5)*

**2. Your source of pride can become your source of death**

*Then Absalom met the servants of David. Absalom rode on a mule. The mule went under the thick boughs of a great terebinth tree, and his head caught in the terebinth; so he was left hanging between heaven and earth. And the mule which was under him went on. (9)*

**3. If you are ruthless with people, they will be ruthless with you**

*Then Joab said, “I cannot linger with you.” And he took three spears in his hand and thrust them through Absalom’s heart, while he was still alive in the midst of the terebinth tree. (14)*

**4. If you live for yourself, you will die by yourself**

*And ten young men who bore Joab’s armor surrounded Absalom, and struck and killed him. (15)*

**5. Your life will glorify God in spite of your resistance to it**

*And they took Absalom and cast him into a large pit in the woods, and laid a very large heap of stones over him. Then all Israel fled, everyone to his tent. (17)*