

**Where Is Life Leading You?**  
**2 Samuel 17:15-29**

**1. A self-centered life leads to...**

**The inability to trust others**

*Then Absalom said, "Now call Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear what he says too." (17:5)*

**Bad decisions**

*So Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The advice of Hushai the Archite is better than the advice of Ahithophel." ... (17:14a)*

**2. A bitter life leads to...**

**Being obsessed with revenge**

*I will come upon him while he is weary and weak, and make him afraid. And all the people who are with him will flee, and I will strike only the king. (17:2)*

**The inability to enjoy life**

*Now when Ahithophel saw that his advice was not followed, he saddled a donkey, and arose and went home to his house, to his city. Then he put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died; and he was buried in his father's tomb. (17:23)*

**3. A God-centered life leads to...**

**Submitting to God's providence**

*...For the Lord had purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel, to the intent that the Lord might bring disaster on Absalom. (17:14b)*

**Receiving God's protection**

*Now it came to pass, after they had departed, that they came up out of the well and went and told King David, and said to David, "Arise and cross over the water quickly. For thus has Ahithophel advised against you." So David and all the people who were with him arose and crossed over the Jordan. By morning light not one of them was left who had not gone over the Jordan. (17:21-22)*

**Resting in God's provision**

*Now it happened, when David had come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash from Rabbah of the people of Ammon, Machir the son of Ammiel from Lo Debar; and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim, brought beds and basins, earthen vessels and wheat, barley and flour,*

*parched grain and beans, lentils and parched seeds, honey and curds, sheep and cheese of the herd, for David and the people who were with him to eat. For they said, "The people are hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness." (17:27-29)*