

## NOT ALL MESSENGERS ARE THE SAME

2 Samuel 18:19-19:8

### 1. There are messengers who just share part of the story

*So Ahimaaz called out and said to the king, "All is well!" Then he bowed down with his face to the earth before the king, and said, "Blessed be the Lord your God, who has delivered up the men who raised their hand against my lord the king!"*

*The king said, "Is the young man Absalom safe?"*

*Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant and me your servant, I saw a great tumult, but I did not know what it was about." (28-29)*

### 2. There are messengers who just give you the facts

*Just then the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, "There is good news, my lord the king! For the Lord has avenged you this day of all those who rose against you."*

*And the king said to the Cushite, "Is the young man Absalom safe?"*

*So the Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise against you to do harm, be like that young man!" (31-32)*

### 3. There are messengers who tell you the truth that will save your life

*Then Joab came into the house to the king, and said, "Today you have disgraced all your servants who today have saved your life, the lives of your sons and daughters, the lives of your wives and the lives of your concubines, in that you love your enemies and hate your friends. For you have declared today that you regard neither princes nor servants; for today I perceive that if Absalom had lived and all of us had died today, then it would have pleased you well. Now therefore, arise, go out and speak comfort to your servants. For I swear by the Lord, if you do not go out, not one will stay with you this night. And that will be worse for you than all the evil that has befallen you from your youth until now." (5-7)*