

Little Hands, Big Hearts

Worship for the Family

Week 35: David Returns As King



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Getting Started

Encourage everyone to get their minds focused and prepared for studying the Bible. Consider singing a song or two. I have uploaded a teen songbook that we use at camp. Perhaps you will spot some songs that are familiar and you can sing together as a family. Click [here](#) to download the songbook.

Review

Last week David was on the run from his own son. What was the name of his son? What was the cause of the tensions that arose in the family? Why did Absalom have to leave the country for a while? Why was he allowed to come back? How did David's lack of handling the situation lead to Absalom gaining power and overthrowing the kingdom? Where did Absalom's takeover begin? Where did David flee to? Who did David send back to act as a 'spy' in Absalom's takeover?

Devotional Thought

READ 2 Samuel 19:8-43

For the sake of brevity we had to skip over some key events. If you have older kids, consider reading 2 Samuel 18 to put today's study into context. To summarize that chapter, David sends men to regain the control of the kingdom. He gives orders not to harm Absalom. (Remember who else David commanded to be left unharmed?) One of the leaders, Joab takes it upon himself to kill Joab. Everyone was fearful and fled to their homes but Joab went to talk with King David. in 19:6 Joab says, "For you (David) have made it clear today that commanders and servants are nothing to you, for today I know that if Absalom were alive and all of us were dead today, then you would be pleased." Those are dangerous words to speak to a king but David found Joab to have a valid point and ceased his mourning for Absalom and returned to his reign as king.

An interesting scene unfolds in today's text as David returns to Jerusalem. What had happened to Israel in the wake of the turbulent events that had taken during this period of time? The people of Israel were confused and angry. David returns to Jerusalem and what do people start doing? They came to beg forgiveness from the king. Anyone who had not gone with David could possibly be labeled as a traitor. Why is it a good idea to go and resolve issues you might have with someone? What can happen if you leave issues unresolved?

Conclusion

This is such an interesting piece of text. Younger families can talk about forgiveness and families with teenager can talk about the dangers of gossip and rumors.



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