

Doing Nothing

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2 Samuel 13:19-20 And Tamar put ashes on her head, and tore her long-sleeved garment which was on her; and she put her hand on her head and went away, crying aloud as she went. **20** Then Absalom her brother said to her, “Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now keep silent, my sister, he is your brother; do not take this matter to heart.” So Tamar remained and was desolate in her brother Absalom’s house.

2 Samuel 13:21 Now when King David heard of all these matters, he was very angry.

2 Samuel 13:22 But Absalom did not speak to Amnon either good or bad; for Absalom hated Amnon because he had violated his sister Tamar.

2 Samuel 13:24 And Absalom came to the king and said, “Behold now, your servant has sheepshearers; please let the king and his servants go with your servant.”

2 Samuel 13:28-29 And Absalom commanded his servants, saying, “See now, when Amnon’s heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, ‘Strike Amnon,’ then put him to death. Do not fear; have not I myself commanded you? Be courageous and be valiant.” **29** And the servants of Absalom did to Amnon just as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king’s sons arose and each mounted his mule and fled.

2 Samuel 13:37-39 Now Absalom fled and went to Talmai the son of Ammihud, the king of Geshur. And *David* mourned for his son every day. **38** So Absalom had fled and gone to Geshur, and was there three years. **39** And *the heart of King David* longed to go out to Absalom; for he was comforted concerning Amnon, since he was dead.

2 Samuel 14:1 Joab son of Zeruiah knew that the king’s heart longed for Absalom.

2 Samuel 14:23-24 So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. **24** However the king said, “Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face.” So Absalom turned to his own house and did not see the king’s face.

2 Samuel 14:25-27 Now in all Israel was no one as handsome as Absalom, so highly praised; from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no defect in him. **26** And when he cut the hair of his head (and it was at the end of every year that he cut *it*, for it was heavy on him so he cut it), he weighed the hair of his head at 200 shekels by the king’s weight. **27** And to Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter whose name was Tamar; she was a woman of beautiful appearance.

2 Samuel 14:28-29 Now Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem, and did not see the king’s face. **29** Then Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king, but he would not come to him. So he sent again a second time, but he would not come.

2 Samuel 14:32 And Absalom answered Joab, “Behold, I sent for you, saying, ‘Come here, that I may send you to the king, to say, ‘Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me still to be there.’” Now therefore, let me see the king’s face; and if there is iniquity in me, let him put me to death.”

2 Samuel 14:33 So when Joab came to the king and told him, he called for Absalom. Thus he came to the king and prostrated himself on his face to the ground before the king, and the king kissed Absalom.

2 Samuel 15:1 Now it came about after this that Absalom provided for himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men as runners before him.

2 Samuel 15:2-6 And Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way to the gate; and it happened that when any man had a suit to come to the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, “From what city are you?” And he would say, “Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel.” **3** Then Absalom would say to him, “See, your claims are good and right, but no man listens to you on the part of the king.” **4** Moreover, Absalom would say, “**Oh that one would appoint me judge in the land**, then every man who has any suit or cause could come to me, and I would give him justice.” **5** And it happened that when a man came near to prostrate himself before him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him. **6** And in this manner Absalom dealt with all Israel who came to the king for judgment; so Absalom stole away the hearts of the men of Israel.

2 Samuel 15:7-9 Now it came about at the end of forty years that Absalom said to the king, “Please let me go and pay my vow which I have vowed to the LORD, in Hebron. **8** “For your servant vowed a vow while I was living at Geshur in Aram, saying, ‘ If the LORD shall indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.’” **9** And the king said to him, “Go in peace.” So he arose and went to Hebron.

2 Samuel 15:10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, “As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, ‘Absalom is king in Hebron.’”

2 Samuel 15:12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David’s counselor, from his city Giloh, while he was offering the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong, for the people increased continually with Absalom.

2 Samuel 15:13-16 Then a messenger came to David, saying, “The hearts of the men of Israel are with Absalom.” **14** And David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, “ Arise and let us flee, for *otherwise* none of us shall escape from Absalom. Go in haste, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down calamity on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword.” **15** Then the king’s servants said to the king, “Behold, your servants *are ready to do* whatever my lord the king chooses.” **16** So the king went out and all his household with him. But the king left ten concubines to keep the house.

2 Samuel 15:18 Now all his servants passed on beside him, all the Cherethites, all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who had come with him from Gath, passed on before the king.

2 Samuel 15:19-20 Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, “Why will you also go with us? Return and remain with the king, for you are a foreigner and also an exile; *return* to your own place. **20** “You came *only* yesterday, and shall I today make you wander with us, while I go where I will? Return and take back your brothers; mercy and truth be with you.”

2 Samuel 15:21-23 But Ittai answered the king and said, “As the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely wherever my lord the king may be, whether for death or for life, there also your servant will be.” **22** Therefore David said to Ittai, “Go and pass over.” So Ittai the Gittite passed over with all his men and all the little ones who *were* with him. **23** While all the country was weeping with a loud voice, all the people passed over. The king also passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over toward the way of the wilderness.

Philippians 3:13-14 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead, **14** I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 2:2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of* the whole world.

Romans 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,