

## Grieving for Absalom

*All Scriptures are from the New American Standard Version (1977) unless otherwise indicated.*

**2 Samuel 18:6-8** Then the people went out into the field against Israel, and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim. **7** And the people of Israel were defeated there before the servants of David, and the slaughter there that day was great, 20,000 men. **8** For the battle there was spread over the whole countryside, and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

**2 Samuel 18:16-18** Then Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing Israel, for Joab restrained the people. **17** And they took Absalom and cast him into a deep pit in the forest and erected over him a very great heap of stones. And all Israel fled, each to his tent. **18** Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and set up for himself a pillar which is in the King's Valley, for he said, "I have no son to preserve my name." So he named the pillar after his own name, and it is called Absalom's monument to this day.

**2 Samuel 14:27** And to Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter whose name was Tamar; she was a woman of beautiful appearance.

**Matthew 28:19-20** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

**2 Samuel 18:19-21** Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said, "Please let me run and bring the king news that the LORD has freed him from the hand of his enemies." **20** But Joab said to him, "You are not the man to carry news this day, but you shall carry news another day; however, you shall carry no news today because the king's son is dead." **21** Then Joab said to the Cushite, "Go, tell the king what you have seen." So the Cushite bowed to Joab and ran.

**2 Samuel 18:32-33** Then the king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" And the Cushite answered, "Let the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up against you for evil, be as that young man!" **33** And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And thus he said as he walked, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

**2 Samuel 3:36** Now all the people took note *of it*, and it pleased them, just as everything the king did pleased all the people.

**2 Samuel 19:1-7** Then it was told Joab, "Behold, the king is weeping and mourns for Absalom." **2** And the victory that day was turned to mourning for all the people, for the people heard *it* said that day, "The king is grieved for his son." **3** So the people went by stealth into the city that day, as people who are humiliated steal away when they flee in battle. **4** And the king covered his face and cried out with a loud voice, "O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!" **5** Then Joab came into the house to the king and said, "Today you have covered with shame the faces of all your servants, who today have saved your life and the lives of your sons and daughters, the lives of your wives, and the lives of your concubines, **6** by loving those who hate you, and by hating those who love you. For you have shown today that princes and servants are nothing to you; for I know this day that if Absalom were alive and all of us were dead today, then you would be pleased. **7** "Now therefore arise, go out and speak kindly to your servants, for I swear by the LORD, if you do not go out, surely not a man will pass the night with you, and this will be worse for you than all the evil that has come upon you from your youth until now."

**Galatians 6:7-8** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. **8** For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.

**Ephesians 4:32** And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

**1 Timothy 5:19-20** Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses. **20** Those who continue in sin, **rebuke in the presence of all**, so that the rest also may be fearful *of sinning*.

**Titus 1:6-7** *namely*, if any man be above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion. **7** For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, ...

**1 Peter 2:2** like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

**Galatians 5:16** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

**1 Peter 2:24** and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed

**2 Samuel 12:10-11** 'Now therefore, **the sword shall never depart from your house**, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' **11** "Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, **I will raise up evil against you from your own household**; I will even take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your companion, and he shall lie with your wives in broad daylight.

**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.