

2 Samuel  
Part #9 –  
Absalom

**Absalom attempts to  
solidify his rule**



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# Introduction

*Absalom's attempts to solidify his rule as king over Israel while his father David, flees for safety*

# Introduction – Cont'd

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## Key Scriptures

And when David was a little past the top of the hill, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine. – 2 Samuel 16:1

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And the king said, And where is thy master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father. – 2 Samuel 16:3

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And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came. – 2 Samuel 16:5

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## **Key Scriptures**

And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there. – 2 Samuel 16:14

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And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. – 2 Samuel 16:15

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And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, God save the king, God save the king. – 2 Samuel 16:16

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## **Key Scriptures**

And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong. – 2 Samuel 16:21

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And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had enquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom. – 2 Samuel 16:23

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And I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest is as if all returned: so all the people shall be in peace. – 2 Samuel 17:3

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## **Key Scriptures**

Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith. – 2 Samuel 17:5

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And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath given is not good at this time. – 2 Samuel 17:7

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Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine own person. – 2 Samuel 17:11

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## Key Scriptures

And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father. – 2 Samuel 17:23

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So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead. – 2 Samuel 17:26

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And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lodebar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, Brought beds, and basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans, and lentiles, and parched pulse, And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness. – 2 Samuel 17:27-29

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# Keys

## Keywords

- Ziba
- Shimei
- Sons of Zeruiah
- King's wise words
- Weariness
- All the elders and men of Israel
- Hushai
- Under Ahithophel's authority
- Ahithophel's counsels
- The battle for the heart and minds of the men of Israel
- Second guessing oneself
- Wise woman of Enrogel
- Shobi, Machir and Barzillai
- Hungry, weary and thirsty



# In this lesson

## **Absalom attempts to solidify his rule**

- Authorize by whom?
- Asymmetric nature of the adversary
- All hearts onboard?
- Assistance when needed

# Authorized by Whom?

*And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. – 2 Samuel 16:15*

**The most powerful position on earth is being under authority**

## **Authority**

- Authority is defined as one that originates from the source.
- Divine authority – God's established order , purpose and assignment in creation
- Absalom violates authority to seize authority
- There can never be freedom without boundaries
- There can never be freedom without law
- Authority is the safest place for all things to be
- It is not only the most powerful, but the safest
- Discovering your authority is the key to freedom

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## **Authority**

- Absence of authority brings self-destruction
- Authority brings protection
- Power needs permission
- Power without authority is energy without permission
- When you are under authority, you have a confidence you could not create
- You can always take power, but you can never take authority, it must be given
- The secret of success in life is finding and staying under authority
- Protects power

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## **Authority**

- Gives power permission
- Power needs permission
- It's your legal area of domain that was established by God
- You got to qualify to be heard
- Authority is more important than power
- You are not ready to face the devil until you are under authority
- Whoever you submit to, you become greater than
- Never compete with authority, submit to it.

# Asymmetric nature of the adversary

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## **Battle for your mind**

- Battle on every side
- Uneven burden and trial of faith
- The need to be levelheaded
- Aptitude and resolve tested
- Never trust impulse without first verifying your confidence in the source
- Rely on integrity to guide you
- Weariness is a test of strength and resolve – Proverb 24:10

# All hearts onboard?

*And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel. – 2 Samuel 17:3*

*And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, – 2 Samuel 17:14*

## **It was a battle for the hearts and minds of Israel**

- Ahithophel wanted to bring back all the people unto Absalom
- The counsel Absalom received please him and the elders of Israel – 2 Samuel 17:4
- The counsel of Hushai won over Absalom and all the men of Israel – 2 Samuel 17:14
- So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead – 2 Samuel 17:26

# Assistance when needed

*And it came to pass, that when David was come to the top of the mount, where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head: Unto whom David said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me: – 2 Samuel 15:32-33*

## **The sources of help in the wilderness.**

- A wench
- Jonathan and Ahimaaz
- A woman of Enrogel
- Hushai - A friend in need is a friend indeed
- Shobi
- Machir
- Barzillai

*The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness – 2 Samuel 17:29*

# Summary

The judgment of King David's house continues



# Next Week

The fate of Absalom, son of King David