

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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2 Samuel 14:1-23

1. What happened in our text last week in 2 Samuel 13?
 - a. Do we really have to talk about that again?
 - b. Well, it ended with Absalom killing Amnon and going into exile.
 - c. It really ended with David being consoled regarding Amnon and now longing for his son Absalom.

2. What happens now in 14:1-3?
 - a. Joab knew that the king's heart longed of Absalom.
 - b. Joab sent for a wise woman from Tekoa.
 - c. Joab told the "wise woman" to pretend she is mourning...and go talk to the king.
 - d. I think Joab is planning a ruse.

3. What did the woman say to David when she went to see him, according to 14:5-11?
 - a. I am a widow; my husband is dead.
 - b. I had two sons who got in a fight and one killed the other.
 - c. Everyone in my family wants to kill my son who is left because of what he did to his brother.
 - d. She said they wanted to kill her husband's only heir.
 - e. She made David swear by the Lord that her son and her family would be pardoned.

4. What did the woman say next, according to 14:12-17?
 - a. She asked to be free to speak a word to the king.
 - b. She points out that the king has pardoned her son, but he has not yet pardoned his own.
 - c. She says that God "devises ways so that a banished person does not remain banished from him."

5. Despite this woman's deception, does she have a point? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

6. How did David respond, according to 14:18-19a? _____

7. How did the woman answer, according to 14:19b-21?
 - a. Yes, that is true.
 - b. Joab wants to change this situation.
 - c. He agreed and sent Joab to bring Absalom back to Israel.

8. What did Joab do when he heard this from the king, according to 14:22-23?
 - a. He fell with his face to the ground to honor the king.
 - b. He thanked the king for agreeing to his request.
 - c. He did as the king said and went to get Absalom.

9. What should we learn from all of this?
 - a. What Joab did can't have been right.
 - b. Perhaps, sometimes these types of methods are required for people to see the truth of God...this isn't much different from how Nathan talked to David, is it?
 - c. I think that throughout this mess, we do at least hear a truth about God.

10. Do you think this is the end of the story? _____
