

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: April 5, 2023
2 Samuel 17:1-23

1. What has happened in our last Bible study in chapter 16?
 - a. Ziba brought gifts to David and told him that Mephibosheth was in Jerusalem hoping to become king...wait for chapter 19 for the rest of that story.
 - b. Shimei cursed David and threw rocks at him and called him a murderer.
 - c. David did not fight back, but continued his journey humbly trusting his fate to God.
 - d. Absalom got bad advice from Ahithophel, as David had prayed, and slept with David's concubines in the sight of Israel, like Nathan had prophesied.
 - e. We find out that Ahithophel had previously been very trustworthy in his advice.

2. What happens now if 17:1-3? _____

3. Does this sound like good advice to you?
 - a. Yes. Attack quick while they are tired.
 - b. No, I don't think I would attack David at all.
 - c. It's really hard to say.

4. How, according to 17:4-6, does Absalom respond to this advice?
 - a. It sounded just as bad to him as it does to us.
 - b. It sounded good to him.
 - c. He summoned Hushai the Arkite to get his opinion.

5. How did Hushai reply to Absalom, according to 17:7-13?
 - a. Hushai told Absalom that Ahithophel's advice is not good.
 - b. He tells Absalom that he should know that David and his men are fierce fighters.
 - c. Everybody knows your men will be slaughtered.
 - d. You better send more than 12,000 men. Send them all! Then you will defeat him.

6. How did Absalom respond to Hushai's advice, according to 17:14? _____

7. According to verse 14, who had the better advice? _____

8. What happened in 17:15-22?
 - a. Hushai told Zadok and Abiathar so that they would send their sons to inform David of Absalom's plans.
 - b. They tried to send another messenger so that they wouldn't get caught, but a young man saw them and told Absalom.
 - c. They went to the house of a man in Bahurim and climbed into a well.
 - d. The man's wife spread a covering over the well and scattered grain over it to hide that it was there.
 - e. Absalom's men searched, but could not find them.
 - f. David and the people with him crossed the Jordan to safety.

9. What happened in 17:23? _____