

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

**Date: April 19, 2023**

**2 Samuel 18:19-19:8**

1. What happened in our text last week in 2 Samuel 17:24-18:18?
  - a. Absalom took his whole army (of Israel) to meet David.
  - b. David and his men received supplies and rest before they got there...maybe Ahitophel was right?
  - c. David mustered his men and split them into 3 groups under Joab, Abishai, and Ittai the Gittite...and wanted to march out with them, but his men would not let him.
  - d. David gave instructions in front of all the troops to "Be gentle" to Absalom.
  - e. The battle took place in the forest and David's men routed Israel.
  - f. A man came across Absalom hanging in a tree by his hair because it got caught and his mule took off without him.
  - g. Joab and ten of his armor-bearers killed Absalom.
  
2. What is happening now in 18:19-23?
  - a. Ahimaaz asks to run ahead and take the news to David.
  - b. Joab wouldn't let him...because he knew David wasn't going to be overjoyed and the messengers have a bad record with news like this.
  - c. Joab sent a Cushite to bring the news to David.
  - d. Ahimaaz begged to run behind the Cushite and then outran him.
  
3. What happened when the news came to David, according to 18:24-32?
  - a. When the watchman saw a messenger, David thought it might be good news.
  - b. Ahimaaz told David "All is well!" and gave him the news of the battle.
  - c. David asked about Absalom.
  - d. Ahimaaz told David he didn't know what happened in the confusion that he saw just before he was sent.
  - e. The Cushite arrived and brought David the news also...but he says "May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to harm you be like that young man."
  
4. How did David respond to the "good" news, according to 18:33? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What was Joab told in 19:1-4?
  - a. He was told "the king is weeping...."
  - b. For the whole army the victory was turned into mourning.
  - c. The men stole into the city as those who are ashamed when they flee from battle.
  
6. How did Joab respond to this news, according to 19:5-7?
  - a. He went into the house of the king and told him "Today you have humiliated all your men, who have just saved your life...."
  - b. He told him "You love those who hate you and hate those who love you."
  - c. He said "You have made it clear today that the commanders and their men mean nothing to you. I see that you would be pleased if Absalom were alive today and all of us were dead."
  - d. He told him "Now go out and encourage your men."
  
7. How, according to 19:8 did David respond? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Was Joab right? \_\_\_\_\_
  
9. Would you be so bold as to tell the king something like this? \_\_\_\_\_