

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: December 7, 2022
2 Samuel 3:22-39

1. What happened in our last Bible Study in 2 Samuel 3:1-21?
 - a. The house of Saul and the house of David were at war.
 - b. Ish-Bosheth accused Abner of sleeping with his father's concubine.
 - c. Abner was angry and threatened to deliver Israel to David, while revealing to us that he knew that this was God's will and promise all along.
 - d. Abner began to make good on his threat to deliver all of Israel to David.
 - e. David met with Abner and sent him away in peace to finish the plan.

2. What happens now in 3:22-23? _____

3. How did Joab respond to this, according to 3:24-25?
 - a. He was fine with it. He had forgotten all about Abner killing his brother.
 - b. He went to David and asked "What have you done?" and "Why did you let him go?"
 - c. He told David that Abner came to deceive him and observe his movements and find out what he is doing...that's the kind of guy Abner is.

4. What did Joab do when he left David, according to 3:26-27?
 - a. He sent messengers after Abner who brought him back.
 - b. He took him into an inner chamber as if to speak with him privately.
 - c. He stabbed him in the stomach to avenge the blood of his brother.

5. What did David do when he heard about this, according to 3:28-34?
 - a. He declared himself and his kingdom innocent. This was not his doing or his plan.
 - b. He declared a curse on Joab and his family.
 - c. He declared a time of mourning and called on people to tear their clothes. He buried Abner in Hebron, wept aloud, and sang a lament. Then all the people wept again.
 - d. He fasted and refused to eat until the sun set.

6. What do we learn in 3:36-37?
 - a. All the people took note and were pleased.
 - b. Everything the king did pleased them.
 - c. Everyone knew that David had no part in the murder of Abner.

7. What did David say to his men in verses 38-39?
 - a. A great commander and a great man has fallen in Israel today.
 - b. Although he is anointed king, he is weak and the sons of Zeruiah are too strong for him.
 - c. He called on the Lord to repay the evildoer according to his evil deeds.

8. What does David show us in this story about his leadership?
 - a. He is honorable. He would not have done this sort of thing. He forgave and showed mercy even those who did not deserve it and treated him poorly.
 - b. He is humble. He recognized that this had been done on his watch and that he had been unable to stop it. He begged for help from God.
 - c. The people responded to his leadership and took note when he did things that they didn't expect and were unlike any king they had seen.

9. How does your life and your actions compare to David's? _____
