WEEK ELEVEN

David IX

**Proverbs 25:19**

Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble *is like* a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: Time of day:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 25:11 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 18:1-8

Examine –

1. What did David do to the people?
2. Who did he set over them?

* This seems to indicate that some of the leadership was following Absalom because otherwise these positions would have been filled.

1. Into how many parts were the people divided?
2. Who were put over the three parts? (list their names here)
3. What did David want to do?
4. What was the people’s response to this?
5. What was David worth?
6. From where would David succor (help) them?
7. What command did the King give the men?
8. How many people heard the commandment?
9. Where did the battle take place?

* No one really knows where this place is located!

1. Who won the battle?
2. How many men died?
3. What devoured more people than the sword?

Apply-

Civil war is always tough because the casualties are always multiplied on a nation since both “sides” are the same people. ***James 4:1*** *From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?*

Absalom wanted his way and 20,000 plus people are now dead and the story is not over. What will your lust cause you to do? Are you willing to pay the consequences?

Prayer

Praise

Date: Time of day:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 25:11 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 18:9-17

Examine –

1. What was Absalom’s mode of transportation?
2. Where did the animal go?
3. What happened to Absalom?
4. What happened to the animal?
5. Who was told about it?
6. What did Joab want him to do?
7. What would he have given him for doing it?
8. What would the guy not take to kill him?
9. Why?
10. Who would have been against him if he had done this?
11. What can be hid from the King?
12. What did Joab use and where did he strike him?
13. Who actually killed Absalom?
14. What did these men do for Joab?
15. What did Joab do next?
16. Where did they cast Absalom and what did they do to him?
17. What did Israel do?

Apply-

Absalom’s “run” has come to a close but the nation is still in a shambles. Joab has disobeyed the king but one unnamed person honored the King’s commandment and stood against Joab. What is his name? Are you willing to remain nameless and poor (shekel – could have meant as much as 1 days wages) to obey?

What is obedience worth to you?

Prayer

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Date: Time of day:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 25:11 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 18:18-33

Examine –

1. In his lifetime what had Absalom done?
2. What did he not have to keep his name alive?
3. What was the “monuments” name?
4. Who wanted to run and tell the King the news?
5. Why would Joab not let him?
6. Who would do the running?
7. What was he to tell the king?
8. How many men ran to the king?
9. Who got there first?
10. Who saw the man running?
11. Where was David?
12. Why did the King assume the men were running?
13. What was the King’s assessment of Ahimaaz?
14. What one thing does the king want to know?
15. What did Ahimaaz know?
16. Both men’s initial report is basically the same, what was it?
17. What did Cushi tell the King about Absalom?
18. What was the King’s response when he heard this?
19. What would David have done for Absalom?

Apply-

Absalom wanted his name remembered but he had no idea that God would record his rebellious, bitter and awful deeds for generations to read. He is remembered but not the way he wanted. For what do you want to be remembered?

What lasting impression are you and will you leave on others?

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Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 25:11 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 19: 1-15

Examine –

1. What was told Joab?

This is not unusual for a father to do when his son dies but this son had wanted to kill him. No matter what, he was still his son but what is strange is the fact that the Bible does not record this reaction when Amnon died.

1. What was turned into mourning?
2. How did the people enter the city?
3. What was the king doing?
4. For what does Joab “rebuke” the king?
5. Who did David love?
6. Who did he hate?
7. What would have been pleasing to David, according to Joab?
8. What would happen if David did not go talk with the people?
9. Where did David go and sit?
10. Who came to him there?

There is some truth to what Joab is saying; the people surely have nothing of which to be ashamed. But Joab the pious talking man has every right to be ashamed.

1. What was the conflict in the peoples’ minds? (Describe in your own words verses 9-10)
2. To whom did David send word?
3. What did David want them to do?
4. Who was Judah to David - Luke 3:23–38 ?

* Thought question – Why would it be appropriate for the people to ask David back?

1. Who did the King put in charge of the army?
2. What affect did this have on all the men of Judah?
3. Where did Judah meet him?

Apply-

Grieving the loss of someone is a tough thing and people respond differently to it. We should be compassionate toward them when they go through this but David also had a responsibility to the people he was leading – they did nothing wrong. Sometimes when we mourn we do not know what to do with our emotions and we respond wrongly. Both sides need to respond in grace; whether you are the one hurting or dealing with someone who is. Do you know someone that you can show God’s grace to in their time of need? If you are hurting, can you put your hurts aside and show grace to those who are looking up to you?

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

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Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 25:11 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 19:16-30

Examine –

1. Who was one of the first men to meet David on his way back? (Remember who he was?)
2. How many men of Benjamin came?
3. Who also was there?
4. What did they have, to carry the king over the Jordan?
5. What did Shimei do before the king?
6. For what does he ask?

* This is sure a different attitude than we find in II Samuel 16.

1. What did Abishai want to do and why?
2. What did David not want to happen on that Day?
3. Why?
4. What did the King swear to Shimei?
5. Who else came to meet the King?
6. What three things had he not done since the King left?
7. What did David want to know?
8. Who did he say deceived him?
9. What had Ziba done unto the king against Mephibosheth (according to him)?
10. What is Mephibosheth’s conclusion about the king?
11. What did the king say to do with the land?
12. What is Mephibosheth’s response to this?

Apply-

It is amazing how everybody’s attitudes have changed. People sure are wishy-washy aren’t they? Loyalty seems to be a lost character quality today. God, however, favors someone being faithful and that is all He asked of us. (I Corinthians 4:2) How are you being loyal/faithful?

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Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 25:11 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 19:31-43

Examine –

1. Who went over Jordan with King David?
2. How old was he?
3. What had he done for the King?
4. What did the King offer him?
5. What could he not discern?
6. How does he describe his taste?
7. What has happened to his hearing?

* It doesn’t sound like getting old is too much fun, is it?

1. Where does he want to die?
2. Who was to take his place?
3. Who was he to Barzillai – vs. 35?
4. How many of the people of Israel were with David?
5. What was the complaint of the men of Israel?
6. What did the men of Judah say in response to this?
7. How many parts did the men of Israel have in David?
8. Where did they get this figure?
9. How does the Bible describe the words of the men?

Apply-

There is much too be said here but let’s concentrate on Chimham. Here a servant is given the privileges of the master. The servant had no money or resources to offer: they all belonged to the master. The servant had no relationship with the King that was also his masters. The master deserved the entire honor and yet he gave it to the servant. Does this sound familiar?

See if you can think of some more pictures this story has of Jesus (our Master) and us (the servant). Have you thanked HIM lately for what He has done for you?

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Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 25:11 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 20:1-26

Examine –

1. Who leads the next rebellion?
2. He was from what tribe?
3. How did the women that David left at Jerusalem have to live?
4. What did the King want of Amasa?
5. Did he do what the King asked?
6. Who now does David put in charge of the army?
7. Of what is David concerned?
8. Who went with him?
9. Who met them and where?
10. What had Amasa put on?
11. What fell out?
12. Who “greets” Amasa?
13. To what did Amasa not pay attention?
14. What did Joab do to him?
15. When people saw Amasa what did they do?
16. What did someone do to him?
17. To what city did they chase Sheba?
18. What were the men of Joab going to do with the walls?
19. Who wanted to talk with Joab?
20. What did the woman claim to be in Israel?
21. What did Joab really want and why?
22. What did the women promise Joab?
23. Did she do what she said?

Apply-

Joab was a ruthless man with no mercy. Amasa was his cousin! Joab, however, is not what we will concentrate on today. Verse 5 and the memory verse for today have a connection. A simple task could not be followed and look at the cost. Can you do simple things when you are asked or are you late? Many of you are always turning in things late or sliding in at the last second. Don’t be this way. When an authority asks you for something do it right away!

Prayer

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