

II SAMUEL 14; April 29; David Is Too Slow In Reconciliation

ANALYSIS:

1. Who devised the plan to persuade David to call Absalom back to Jerusalem? _____
2. Who was the spokesperson for the above plan to persuade David to call Absalom back? _____
3. How long was Absalom in Jerusalem without seeing David's face?

4. Who asked Joab to speak directly with David about seeing Absalom?

5. What two features about Absalom are mentioned in verses 25-26?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Twice in this chapter Joab serves as a mediator seeking a reconciliation between David and Absalom. First, Joab fabricates a story through the wise woman of Tekoah to persuade David to call Absalom home to Jerusalem. But David refuses to see and forgive his son once he is in Jerusalem. Second, Joab at Absalom's request, directly asks David to pardon his son. At this David received and kissed his son Absalom. But two years had passed, and do we not hear the sound of resentment, even animosity, in the words of the son toward his father (v 32)?

Withholding forgiveness and reconciliation will not of itself produce repentance; but its fruit will likely be bitterness, envy and rebellion. Is there anyone you ought to forgive and seek reconciliation with?

HELP:

1. Joab (vs 1-3).
2. A wise woman of Tekoah (v 2).
3. 2 full years (v 28).
4. Absalom himself (v 32).
5. His beauty and his heavy hair (vs 25-26).