

## II SAMUEL 15; April 30; Absalom's Conspiracy Against David

### ANALYSIS:

1. What did Absalom do to attract attention to himself and build his prestige? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What promise did Absalom make if he were to be made a judge?  
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3. What is said about 200 men who went with Absalom out of Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What two special groups of David's servants went with him when he left Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Whom did David ask to return to Jerusalem and attempt to defeat the counsel of Ahithophel? \_\_\_\_\_

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Where was King David while Absalom was charioting around Jerusalem with 50 runners before him? Why did the King allow Absalom to gain a following by letting him play up to all the people who came to see the King? Could David have crushed Absalom's idea of a conspiracy early on? Should David have paid more attention to matters of judgment and justice among his people? Was the King naive in letting Absalom go to Hebron under pretense of paying a vow? Remember Absalom's sheep shearing party!

Elected officials, employers, pastors and parents are duty bound to discern good and evil among those under their charge, and to take leadership responsibility and action.

One of David's loyal soldiers, Ittai the Gittite a stranger and exile (vs 19-22), expressed his unwavering commitment to David by pledging "surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be" (v 21). Can we serve the godly authority figures in our lives as loyally?

### HELP:

1. He prepared chariots & horses and 50 men to run before him (v 1).
2. I would do every man justice (v 4).
3. They went in their simplicity, and they knew not anything (v 11).
4. Cherethites and Pelethites (v 18).
5. His friend Hushai the Archite (vs 32-34).