

## ***The Refugee Returns (2 Samuel 14)***

**Setting** – Absalom a refugee in \_\_\_\_\_ for killing Amnon

**vv. 1-11** – \_\_\_\_\_ sends a woman to ask David to bring Absalom back

- Pretends to be a widow with 2 sons – one \_\_\_\_\_ the other (Gen. 4)
- Pleads for protection for the living son – her only means of \_\_\_\_\_
- David shows mercy – gave orders of \_\_\_\_\_

**vv. 12-17** – Woman: *king must do the same for* \_\_\_\_\_

**vv. 18-24** – David discerns Joab’s plan → bring \_\_\_\_\_ back

- Absalom must live alone in \_\_\_\_\_; not see the king’s \_\_\_\_\_

**vv. 25-27** – Absalom \_\_\_\_\_ with the people

**vv. 28-33** – lives 2 years in Jerusalem before getting to see the \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Take-Away***

1. **Absalom** – demonstrated no \_\_\_\_\_ (32)

- Popular – for the \_\_\_\_\_ reasons (25)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ambitions vs. desire to honor and serve \_\_\_\_\_
- Parallels with \_\_\_\_\_ (26; Heb. 12:16-17)
- Three sons who \_\_\_\_\_ in their youth (27 → 18:18)

*Do I \_\_\_\_\_ confess my sin vs. arrogance?*

*Do my ambitions revolve around \_\_\_\_\_ or God’s kingdom and will?*

2. **David** - missed \_\_\_\_\_ to discipline and teach his sons

- Confess his own \_\_\_\_\_ and state Absalom’s wrong
- Help him seek God’s mercy and \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 51)
- Two common mistakes that → parental \_\_\_\_\_  
1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) We \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Our task** – \_\_\_\_\_ the guilty one to God and to us (14)

- David not able to do for Absalom what \_\_\_\_\_ had done for him
- God made a \_\_\_\_\_ for sinners to be reconciled (2 Cor. 5:18-19)
- Isa. 28:21 – \_\_\_\_\_ is God’s *strange task*  
He delights in \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Discussion Questions – 2 Samuel 14***

1. What are some attributes (positive and negative) we see in David in this chapter?

Is there anything that you personally take away from this snapshot of David in your life?

2. What are some of the manifestations of: 1) pride; and 2) giving up, in our parenting?

What are some Scriptural responses to these?

3. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today’s message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?