

Talk – 2 Samuel 15:1-19:8 – Calamity on the House of David – Part 2

Our question:

The story as it unfolds...

- Absalom
- the handsome, self-obsessed son (14:25-26)
 - who stole the hearts of the people of Israel (15:1-6)
 - and proclaimed himself King of Hebron (15:7-12)

David flees (15:13-18)

Friends

Ittai the Gittite (15:19-23 then 18:2)

Zadok and Abiathar the priests (15:24-29)

Hushai the Arkite (15:32-37)

Foes

Ziba the steward of Mephibosheth
(16:1-4 c.f. 9:1-13 then 19:24-30)

Shimei son of Gera (16:5-16)

Ahithophel (15:30-31, 16:15-17:23)

Taking on the Lord

- *'Lord, turn Ahithophel's counsel into foolishness'* (15:31)
- *'the advice Ahithophel gave was like that of one who inquires of God.'* (16:23)
- *'the Lord had determined to frustrate the good advice of Ahithophel in order to bring disaster on Absalom'* (17:14)

Absalom (using God's people to become King) vs. David (the King of God's people)

(17:24-18:8)

Absalom dies (18:9-18)

Recognising the sovereign nature of God

Our answer