

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Romans 15:7

UNITED KINGDOM 21-1

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

"THE IMPORTANCE OF RELATIONSHIPS"

READ 2 Samuel 18:1 - 20:2

DAY 1 - READ 2 Samuel 18:1 - 20:2

1. What was an important application to your life in last week's lesson?

2. As you read these two chapters, note examples of . . .
 - a. . . . strained relationships

 - b. . . . supportive relationships

3. What do you value most in a meaningful relationship?

DAY 2 - REVIEW 2 Samuel 18:1-18

4. What did David's three commanders _____, _____ and _____ want him to do and why?

5. What was David's instruction in verse 5?

6. What is your analysis of the relationship between the soldier and Joab?

7. Describe Absalom's death and burial.

8. What do you feel were Joab's reasons for disobeying David's orders?

9. Compare 2 Samuel 14:27 and 2 Samuel 18:18. What could have happened to the sons?

DAY 3 - REVIEW 2 Samuel 18:19 - 19:8

10. How did David's loyal followers view the death of Absalom in verses 19, 28, 31-32?

11. a. How did the message of Ahimaaz differ from that of the Cushite?

DAY 3 – (Continued) REVIEW 2 Samuel 18:19 - 19:8

11. b. Why do you think Ahimaaz got “cold feet” when delivering the news?
 - c. Have you ever been the one to deliver news of death? Please share your experience and what you learned from it.

12. a. What was David’s response?
 - b. How did it affect his troops?

13. Joab chastised David about his relationships.
 - a. How did the troops feel and what threat existed?
 - b. Mourn for the dead or encourage the living. Which did Joab see as more important?
 - c. Share some ways you can see self-pity rob us of the joys of victory in our Christian walk.

14. What do you think David was thinking as he followed Joab’s advice?

DAY 4 - REVIEW 2 Samuel 19:9-30

15. Before returning to Jerusalem, David gained the support of Israel and Judah and he made Absalom’s commander, _____, his own commander in place of Joab. What are your thoughts about this broken relationship?

16. Formerly alienated, how did the following react to a victorious David?
 - a. Shimei (vs. 16-23)
 - Abishai’s response?
 - David’s response?
 - b. Mephibosheth (vs. 24-30)
 - David’s response?

17. a. What part does the giving or receiving of forgiveness play in restoring relationships?
 - b. What do you learn in Matthew 6:14, 15?

DAY 5 - REVIEW 2 Samuel 19:31 - 20:2

18. a. What had Barzillai done for the king at Mahanaim?
- b. How was he rewarded?
- c. What positive aspects of friendship do you see between Barzillai and David?
19. a. What was the argument between Israel and Judah in verse 43?
- b. How did Sheba aggravate the problem?
20. The rift between Israel and Judah was serious. It would lead to a divided kingdom after Solomon's reign.
- a. Share three things you can do to promote unity in a relationship.
- b. What do you find in these Scriptures concerning this?
- Psalm 133:1
- Romans 12:18
- Romans 15:7
- Philippians 2:4
- 1 Peter 3:8

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: