

SBCC Daily On-Line Bible Study

Take time to read the selected passage and respond to the questions below. Allow God to draw near to you as you go deeper in His Word. Spend some time in prayer as you prepare to apply the Spirit's teaching to your daily life.

January 6, 2022 Absalom's Death - [2 Samuel 18:1-18](#)

Open It

1. What instance can you name when you decided to do what seemed best for someone else rather than what he or she wanted you to do?
2. What do you want people to say about you after you are gone?

Explore It

3. How did David organize his army of supporters? ([18:1-2](#))
4. For what reasons did David's followers ask him not to go into battle himself? ([18:3](#))
5. What command did all the troops hear David giving his commanders as they left the city? ([18:5](#))
6. How did Absalom's side (Israel) fare in the battle against David? ([18:6-7](#))
7. How did the location of the battle add a unique element to the fighting? ([18:6-8](#))
8. What happened to Absalom just as he encountered David's men? ([18:9](#))
9. What was Joab's complaint against the man who reported Absalom's whereabouts? ([18:10-11](#))
10. How did the soldier explain his reasons for not killing Absalom on the spot? ([18:12-13](#))
11. How did Joab make sure that Absalom was not taken alive? ([18:14-15](#))
12. How was the battle brought to an end? ([18:16](#))
13. What became of Absalom and of the Israelite army? ([18:17](#))
14. Why had Absalom built a monument to himself while he was still alive? ([18:18](#))

Get It

15. Why did David want his army to "be gentle with the young man Absalom"?

16. Why do you suppose Joab chose to ignore David's plea and killed Absalom himself?
17. To what extent can human beings control how they will be remembered?
18. In what sense was Absalom's death good news for Israel and Judah?
19. When is a person's fondest wish not in his or her best interest?
20. What can be good or bad about taking advantage of someone's sudden vulnerability?

Apply It

21. What close friend can help you determine whether your desires really constitute what is best for you?
22. What habits can you establish that will partly ensure that you will be remembered favorably?