

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 1, 2022 Absalom Returns to Jerusalem - [2 Samuel 14:1-33](#)

Open It

1. What is the most bizarre thing anyone has done to get your attention?
2. What sort of extenuating circumstances, if any, do you think should bar a person from having to bear the full punishment for a crime he or she has committed?

Explore It

3. What did Joab know about the king's true desires? ([14:1](#))
4. What elaborate ruse did Joab arrange to help David do what he wanted to do? ([14:1-3](#))
5. What dilemma did the "widow" present to David? ([14:4-7](#))
6. What promises did David make to the woman before he knew her real purpose? ([14:8-11](#))
7. After David had promised to help the woman who came to him, what did she reveal about her real purpose for coming? ([14:12-14](#))
8. What did the woman say "the people" felt about Absalom's exile? ([14:15](#))
9. What question did David have for the woman when she had finished her plea? ([14:18-19](#))
10. Whom did the woman admit had put her up to her encounter with the king? ([14:19-20](#))
11. What did David tell Joab to do? ([14:21-23](#))
12. What limitations were put on Absalom when he returned to Jerusalem? ([14:23-24](#))
13. What were the unique aspects of Absalom's physical appearance? ([14:25-26](#))
14. How long did Absalom live in Jerusalem again without seeing David? ([14:28](#))
15. When Joab did not answer Absalom's request, what did Absalom do to get Joab's attention? ([14:29-32](#))
16. What did Absalom demand that Joab ask of the king? ([14:32](#))

17. On what terms were David and his son reunited? ([14:33](#))

Get It

18. Why did Joab devise such an elaborate plan rather than simply asking David to send for Absalom?

19. Why did David take the halfway measure of allowing Absalom to return but not to see him?

20. What did Absalom's insistence on his rights reveal about his character?

21. How far should a friend go in helping you fulfill your desires?

22. What is good or bad about overcoming your own barriers of principle?

Apply It

23. With what close friend could you share your spiritual goals so that he or she is not placed in the position of helping you compromise?

24. What judge or official do you know of who needs prayer in order to make wise judgments?