

Diplomacy in Jerusalem (2 Samuel 16-17)

16:15-19 – Hushai _____ allegiance to Absalom

16:20-17:4 – Ahithophel _____ against David

- Absalom to have physical relations with David's harem before all _____ – fulfillment of God's _____ of David (12:11-12)
- Ahithophel requests troops to pursue and _____ David (17:1-4)
- 17:5-14** – Hushai councils against _____ (17:5-14)
- Warns that David is _____ and an expert at war
- _____ to lead a large army against David and his men
- Lord thwarts _____ counsel → bring _____ to Absalom

17:15-23 – Hushai gets the information to _____

- Through the _____ and their sons (15-21)
- David safely crosses the _____; Ahithophel to his _____ (22-23)

Take-Away

1. The _____ of David – before God's word and will
 - God _____ David – discipline for his sin of _____
 - Two truths & *applications*:
 1. We _____ what we _____ (Gal. 6:7) – What am I _____?
 2. God's _____ are fulfilled exactly – Do I believe them?
2. The _____ of Absalom
 - His _____ – like other kings (Gen. 35:22; 49:3-4)
 - His _____ on display – vanity, self-ambition, _____
 - Sought the _____ of men; but not God's _____
Application: 1 Jn. 2:15-17 – What are my _____?
3. The _____ of Ahithophel – most _____ man of his time (16:23)
 - A _____ prophet – human wisdom without the _____ of God
 - Like Jonadab – counsel → _____ and _____
 - Treason against David – encouraged Absalom's _____
 - Why? 1) God's discipline and ordained plan (17:14)
2) No place of _____ for David → _____ → despair
Application:

Discussion Questions – 2 Samuel 16-17

1. Read the following passages and discuss: a) What is my responsibility and b) What is God's responsibility?

Psalm 1:1-3

Philippians 4:6-7

Matthew 4:19

1 Peter 5:6-7

2. How do you define *worldliness*?

What are some of the challenges we face in combatting worldliness (in our live, in the home, in the church, *etc*)?

3. What are some lessons we can take away from the counsel of Jonadab (2 Sam. 13:3-5) together with that of Ahithophel (2 Sam. 16:20-22; 17:1-3)?

4. 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*?