

Wednesday, June 11th
Making Things Right - 2 Samuel 19-21

Opening

What's a time you felt like you had to take drastic measures to resolve a problem?

Digging Deeper

Message Review: After the rebellion of Absalom, king David returns to Jerusalem and is met with many opportunities to engage in reconciliation, both with the 12 tribes, and with certain individuals. As David navigates each of these issues he demonstrates what it takes to be a peacemaker: he takes the initiative to reconcile, he shows mercy to those who persecuted him, and he does his best to make past wrongs right. But after all of this, a new rebellion is begun by a man named Sheba and so David sends the army to defeat him. Our focus for discussion will be what happens when Joab and the army find Sheba at the city of Abel. **READ** 2 Samuel 20:14-22

1. What does it mean to lay siege to a city? What kind of consequences might there be for this kind of warfare and who would be affected?
2. The woman who calls out from the city to speak to Joab is called a wise woman (v16). What does it mean to be wise? How is wisdom the same as knowledge? How is it different?
3. What's the woman's attitude when she speaks to Joab? What is the one question she asks him? (See vs 19) What other questions could she have asked? What makes her question the most appropriate one?
4. When Joab answers the woman she takes immediate action. What does she do? What might have made her decision difficult? Why was her decision the right one?

Application

1. What are the consequences of letting conflict linger, and what are the benefits of resolving it quickly?
2. How can we be like the wise woman in talking with those who might "lay siege" or attack us?
3. What can strengthen us to do the right thing, even if it's difficult or unpopular?

Prayer

1. What is something from this passage that we can pray for?
2. Pray for personal needs.