THE BOUNCE BACK

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II Samuel 14: 21- 15:37

II Samuel 14:21-33 — Absalom Returns to Jerusalem
         15:1-12   — Absalom Conspires Against David
         15:13-17 — David Receives A Message + Flees to Jerusalem
         15:18-23 — David Receives Loyalty
         15:24-29 — David Rejects the Ark & Submits to God
         15:30   — David Grieves and Weeps
         15:31-37 — David Learns of hears of Ahithophel's defection

Four Effective Ways to Deal with Opposition

I. _____ (Vs.15:10-12)

II Sam. 15:10-12   *But Absalom sent secret messengers throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then say, 'Absalom is king at Hebron!'" 11 With Absalom went two hundred men from Jerusalem who were invited guests, and they went in their innocence and knew nothing. 12 And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for[a] Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing.*

II. _____ (Vs.15:13-16)

II Sam. 15:13-16   *And a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom." 14 Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, or else there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Go quickly, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down ruin on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword." 15 And the king's servants said to the king, "Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king decides." 16 So the king went out, and all his household after him. And the king left ten concubines to keep the house.*

III. _____ (Vs.15:17-22)

II Sam. 15:17-22   *And the king went out, and all the people after him. And they halted at the last house.18 And all his servants passed by him, and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the six hundred Gittites who had followed him from Gath, passed on before the king. 19 Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why do you also go with us? Go back and stay with the king, for you are a foreigner and also an exile from your home. 20 You came only yesterday, and shall I today make you wander about with us, since I go I know not where? Go back and take your brothers with you, and may the Lord show[a] steadfast love and faithfulness to you." 21 But Ittai answered the king, "As the Lord lives, and as my lord the king lives, wherever my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, there also will your servant be." 22 And David said to Ittai, "Go then, pass on." So Ittai the Gittite passed on with all his men and all the little ones who were with him.*

IV. _____ (Vs.15:23-29)

II Sam. 15:24-29   *And Abiathar came up, and behold, Zadok came also with all the Levites, bearing the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God until the people had all passed out of the city. 25 Then the king said to Zadok, "Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the Lord, he will bring me back and let me see both it and his dwelling place. 26 But if he says, 'I have no pleasure in you,' behold, here I am, let him do to me what seems good to him." 27 The king also said to Zadok the priest, "Are you not a seer? Go back[a] to the city in peace, with your two sons, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. 28 See, I will wait at the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me." 29 So Zadok and Abiathar carried the ark of God back to Jerusalem, and they remained there.*

Point:

Doggy Bag: **Something to take home and chew on!**

1. Does opposition bring out the best in you or the worst in you?
2. Have you been betrayed by someone you love?
3. In what ways do you use wisdom to deal with opposition?
4. How can the reliability of God's help and promises give us comfort when our world seems so out of control?
5. How might God be encouraging you to seek reconciliation in a particular relationship or to help others do so?