

For the week of May 1, 2016
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Clash of Counselors

33rd week in the series "A Life of Passion: The Story of David."

2 Samuel 16:15–17:29

David has been chased from his palace by his traitorous son, Absalom and once again he is on the run. In an effort to protect himself, he sent back a spy to give favorable counsel. But now, all David can do is wait to see how things turn out. The tension is rising. A conflict is inevitable. How does David watch and wait as his son tries to steal the throne?

Discussion Questions:

1. What kind of situations have you been in where you've done all that you can and the only thing left to do is wait? How do you feel in those moments? What feels vulnerable about that position?
2. Are you tempted to protect yourself when you're vulnerable? What would it look like to trust God instead?
3. David experienced some unexpected hospitality. Have you ever received something like that? Where did it come from? How did it make you feel?
4. Do you feel like challenges keep coming, one after another? How do you approach life with perseverance?
5. Consider the image from Psalm 3 of David lying down to sleep while he's surrounded by enemies. What does that stir up for you?
6. Can you proclaim that "Salvation belongs to the LORD?" How have you seen that in your own life?