

For the week of May 8, 2016
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Between the Gates

34th week in the series "A Life of Passion: The Story of David."

2 Samuel 18:1–19:43

Parents sometimes find themselves caught between what they want for their children and what God wants for their children, between their roles as parents and their roles as followers of Christ. David was “sitting between the two gates”: between his role as father and his role as king. What do we learn from him about resolving—or not resolving—the tension?

Discussion Questions:

(Note: the first four questions are primarily for parents with children still under their supervision. Others may want to jump to question five.)

1. If you are a parent, what has been your experiencing with disciplining your children?
2. What keeps you, if anything, from disciplining your children?
3. How does David’s coddling of Absalom influence you as a parent?
4. Considering David’s relationship with Absalom, what steps do you think you might take with your children?
5. Imagine what the Father might have been thinking and feeling, both for his Son and for us, when the Son was being crucified.