

Questions

Text: **2 Samuel 18** and **James 4.1-10**

1. Read **2 Samuel 19.6**. Why is this account in the historical narrative important?
2. Compare and contrast David before and after his affair with Bathsheba (**2 Samuel 11**). How is David changed afterwards?
3. Why was the deportment of David so different as he contemplated the deaths of his sons - the infant (**2 Samuel 12**) and Absalom (**2 Samuel 18**)?
4. What are we to learn from this terrible narrative? Is there any redemption to be found at all?
5. James uses hyperbole to show the gravity of the sinfulness of quarreling Christians (**James 4.1-3**). Where do you think these quarrels and fights come from?
6. What invitation is James making to us in **James 4.4-10**? What does friendship entail?
7. So, what must we do to become friends of God? What, according to James, is the key so that we can have this exciting relationship with God, who wants to be friends with us?