

Psalm 119:10-11

“With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.”



After God's Own Heart: The Life of David



A House Divided: David and Absalom



***Ahitophel
chose
bitterness.***

3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

- 2 Samuel 11:3

Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,

- 2 Samuel 23:34



Ahitophel

23 The advice of Ahithophel, which he gave in those days, was as if one inquired of the word of God; so was all the advice of Ahithophel regarded by both David and Absalom.

- 2 Samuel 16:23



Ahitophel



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***Absalom
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22 But Absalom did not speak to Amnon either good or bad; for Absalom hated Amnon because he had violated his sister Tamar. 23 Now it came about after two full years that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal-hazor, which is near Ephraim, and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

- 2 Samuel 13:22-23



Absalom

2 Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way to the gate; and when any man had a suit to come to the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And he would say, "Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel." 3 Then Absalom would say to him, "See, your claims are good and right, but no man listens to you on the part of the king."

- 2 Samuel 15:1-3



Absalom

4 Moreover, Absalom would say, "Oh that one would appoint me judge in the land, then every man who has any suit or cause could come to me and I would give him justice." ... 6 In this manner Absalom dealt with all Israel who came to the king for judgment; so Absalom stole away the hearts of the men of Israel.

- 2 Samuel 15:4,6



Absalom



***Absalom
chose
bitterness.***



***David chose
belief.***

Choosing



Belief

*David looked for
God's work in His
circumstances.*

Choosing



Belief

*David thought
about others rather
than himself.*

Choosing



Belief

*David modeled
forgiveness.*



**Bitterness
or Belief?**