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The Rebellion of Absalom 13:1-19:8

- The Battle for the Kingdom 17:24-19:8
 - Setting the stage for the battle 17:24-26
 - David proceeded to the city of Mahanaim,
 - a place named by Jacob in Genesis 32:2. In the area on the east of the Jordan given to the tribe of Gad.
 - One of the cities given to the Levites. (Joshua 21:38)
 - The place where Abner set up Ishbosheth as king of Israel after Saul's death.

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 - Absalom crossed the Jordan in pursuit of David.
 - Absalom set up Amasa, the son of David's niece, as his commander. Amasa and Joab, David's commander would be second cousins.

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 - David and his people were met hospitably by some of the influential people of this area.
 - The strength of the support for David in this area reveals that Absalom did not have quite the following he envisioned.

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 - The battle 18:1-18
 - Hushai's advice to Absalom had given David time to amass and organize an army that could be divided into three large divisions under the command of Joab, Abishai, and Ittai.
 - David's commanders dissuaded him from leading the battle knowing that killing David would be the single goal and clear command of Absalom.
 - David ordered his commanders in the hearing of all the people not to harm Absalom.

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 - The battle 18:1-18
 - Absalom's forces were decisively defeated with the rough terrain contributing to the losses.
 - Absalom, fleeing from David's forces, got wedged by his head in the branches of an oak tree.
 - A man told Joab about it and Joab rebuked him for not killing Absalom.
 - The man reminded Joab of David's instructions.

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 - Joab, always ready to take matters into his own hands, killed Absalom by thrusting three javelins into his heart.
 - Others around joined in the attack until his death was certain.
 - Joab then signaled the end of the battle.
 - Absalom's body was thrown into a pit in the forest and a heap of stones raised up over it.
 - The armies following Absalom ceased the fight and returned home.

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 - Absalom had set up a monument to himself in the King's Valley outside of Jerusalem.



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 - The aftermath of the battle 18:19-19:8
 - Joab sent a runner to tell David of the results of the battle.
 - Ahimaaz, son of Zadok the priest, implored Joab to let him go also. It seemed he wanted to somewhat soften the blow of Absalom's death.
 - Ahimaaz outran the other messenger and told David of the victory but not about Absalom's death.
 - The other messenger revealed Absalom's death.

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 - The aftermath of the battle 18:19-19:8
 - David's grief over Absalom overshadowed the victory that had been won.
 - The returning soldiers heard of David's great expression of grief and came back as if they had been defeated in battle.
 - Joab rebuked David in how he was responding to the men who had saved his life, his family, and the kingdom.
 - David went out and honored the soldiers.

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Lessons

- We often set the stage for blessings we receive.
- Be careful of allowing someone who has animosity toward you to exercise undue control over your life.
- Guilt magnifies grief.
- Grief must not be used as an excuse to act irresponsibly.

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