



David and Absalom

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The characters

- David – King of Israel
- Amnon – David's eldest son
- Absalom – David's 3rd son – 1/2 brother to Amnon
- Tamar – David's daughter – full sister to Absalom
- Joab – David's general

More characters!

- Ahithophel – David's chief advisor
- Hushai – David's friend
- Mephibosheth – Saul's grandson
- Ziba – Mephibosheth's servant
- Shimei – a relative of Saul

1. The way we react to offence is critical

- Our anger is often justified
- We can always use that to justify revenge
- Avoid Ping Pong!
- There is a choice
- Doing something differently leads to something exceptional

2. In hard times, the Lord is the answer

- David knew he needed God's help
- God wants to be involved
- God's help is not always what we expect – double agent and spies!

3. God's purposes will always be fulfilled

- God was working out his plan for David
- God was working out something much bigger – His plan of salvation
- God has a plan for your life and He will keep His promises
- Sometimes it's messy

Who are you today?

- Absalom – holding onto offence
- David – struggling through hard times