

Journaling

Day 1: Understanding the Story

1. Read and Summarize: After reading 2 Samuel 14, write down what happened in your own words. Who are the main characters in this chapter?
2. Feelings and Actions: How do you think Absalom felt when he returned to Jerusalem but couldn't see King David? How would you feel if you were in a similar situation?
3. Role of Joab: What did Joab do to help Absalom? Do you think his actions were right? Why or why not?

Day 2: Reflecting on Relationships

1. Family Conflicts: Absalom had a complicated relationship with his father, King David. Write about a time when you had a disagreement with someone in your family. What did you learn from that experience?
2. Making up After a Fight: What do you think it takes to heal a relationship after a disagreement? Write about a time you made up with someone after a fight.
3. Prayer Prompt: Pray for someone in your family that you have had a disagreement with. Ask God to help you both find peace and understanding.

Day 3: Applying the Lesson

1. Forgiveness: In this chapter, David forgives Absalom. Why is forgiveness important? Write about a time when you forgave someone or someone forgave you.
2. Helping Others: Joab helped bring Absalom back to Jerusalem. How can you help someone who is having a tough time reconciling with someone else?
3. Personal Prayer: Ask God to give you a forgiving heart and the courage to help others who might be in conflict.

Day 4: Connecting with Daily Life

1. Thinking of Others: Like Joab, is there a friend who needs your support right now? What can you do to be there for them?
2. Learning from Mistakes: Absalom made some choices that had consequences. What is a mistake you've learned from? Write about how it helped you grow.
3. Prayer for Guidance: Pray and ask God for wisdom in making good choices and for the strength to support others in resolving conflicts.

Remember to keep these reflections personal and honest, and know that your thoughts and prayers matter!