**Absalom’s return**

2 Samuel 14:1-33 (Key verse 14)

*“Like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be recovered, so we must die. But that is not what God desires; rather, he devises ways so that a banished person does not remain banished from him.*

1. What does Joab know and do? (1-3) How does the woman from Tekoa participate? (4) How does the meeting between David and her go? (5-11)
2. How wisely does she apply her story to David and Absalom? (12-21) What point is she trying to get across? (14) What might be a personal application for us to learn from her?
3. What does Joab do? (22-23) What does David say about Absalom? (24) How does Absalom look? (25-26) How many sons and daughters are born to Absalom? How long was he unable to see the king? (28)
4. What does Absalom want? What attempts did he make to fulfil his desire? What does Joab tell David? (33a) What does David do? (33b) What do you learn about David’s heart for Absalom? Think about God’s hearts towards us when we are banished from the world.