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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Accepting Imperfect Outcomes 2 Samuel 18:19-20:26

- I. David's forces won, but his grief over Absalom shamed his loyal friends (2 Samuel 18:19-19:39).
  - A. David's grief brought shame to his troops (18:19-33).
  - B. David responded to Joab's rebuke (19:1-8)
    - *Sometimes we must rise above our personal hurts for the sake of others.*
  
- II. David shrewdly improved unity, but he needed to favor people he didn't like (2 Samuel 19:9-39).
  - A. Regaining Judah's trust by choosing Amasa (19:9-15).
    - *Sometimes we must choose people we don't like.*
  - B. Showing exceptional mercy to Shimei (19:15-23)
    - *Sometimes we must show mercy for the sake of peace when we don't feel like it.*
  - C. Compromising for Mephibosheth and Ziba (19:24-30)
    - *Sometimes we aren't sure of the truth or what we should do.*
  - D. Honoring Barzillai who asked for nothing (19:31-39)
    - *Sometimes our best relief is a good friend.*
  
- III. David squelched a revolt, but couldn't fully control the leaders under him (2 Samuel 19:40-20:22).
  - A. Anger flares between Judah and the ten other tribes (19:40-43)
    - *Sometimes conflicts end but feelings don't.*
  - B. Sheba the Benjamite revolts (20:1-22).
    1. David sends Amasa to deal with Sheba (4-5).
    2. David sends Abishai to deal with Sheba (6-7).
    3. Joab murders Amasa but deals with Sheba (8-22)
      - *Sometimes we are stuck with irritating people.*
      - *ALWAYS we must trust God to work out His perfect plan in our imperfect world.*