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*Family Collapse, part 4:*  
*Who Is My Enemy? Who Is My Friend?*  
**2 Samuel 19-20**

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1. The pain of a civil war victory (2 Samuel 19:1-8)
2. The skepticism that accompanies disunity (2 Samuel 19:9-15)
3. The uncertainty of allegiance that accompanies disunity (2 Samuel 19:16-43)

#### 4. The kingdom building of many leads to the downfall of many (2 Samuel 20:1-26)

### Table Talk

- 1) How does David put at risk the loyalty of those who fought for him? (19:1-8)
- 2) How does the civil war impact tribal unity? (19:8-15) Why is all earthly unity temporary until the true King arrives? How do we see tribal disunity and David's powerlessness to overcome it in 19:40-43?
- 3) What did Shimei and Ziba do earlier to offend David? (see 2 Sam 16:1-14) What are they trying to do now? (19:16-23) What do you believe about Mephibosheth? Was he disloyal to David, based on Ziba's testimony, or was Ziba trying to get Mephibosheth's goods? (see 16:1-4 and 19:24-30)
- 4) Why does Sheba think that this is a good time for a civil war right on the heels of the previous one (20:1-2)? How does Joab use this civil war to eliminate his competitor Amasa? (20:4-13) Contrast David's actions in forgiving his enemies and Joab's and his brothers' (sons of Zeruiah) way of dealing with enemies (Absalom, Amasa, Shimei). Which is correct? Why?
- 5) How does Sheba die? (20:14-22) How does the kingdom building of many lead to the downfall of many? What ways do you see kingdom building in your nation, community, family, or church lead to a downfall of many? How do these chapters make us long for the true King?