**If I find favor in the eyes of the Lord.**

 2 Samuel 15:1-37 (Key verse 25-26)

*“Then the king said to Zadok, “Take the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the Lord’s eyes, he will bring me back and let me see it and his dwelling place again. But if he says, ‘I am not pleased with you,’ then I am ready; let him do to me whatever seems good to him.”*

1. How did Absalom steal the hearts of the men of Israel? (1-6) Where and how did Absalom carry out his conspiracy against the king (7-11)) Who joined him and why? (11) Whom did Absalom send for, and what effect did it have on the conspiracy? (12)
2. What message was brought to David, and what decision did David make upon hearing the news? (13-14) How does the king’s official respond to him? (15) When David sets out with his entire household, who are left behind and who went with him? (16-18) What did David say to Ittai the Gittite and what can we learn about David in saying this? (19- 20) How does Ittai respond to David and what can we learn about him through this response? (21)?
3. What happened as David passed through the countryside, and what can we make of this? (23) Who else accompanied David in his retreat and what did they carry? (24a) What does Abiathar do until all the people have finished leaving the city? (24c) What does David say to Zadok about the ark? (25-27) What does this tell you about David?
4. Who does David say he will wait for? (28) Describe the scene as David and those that follow him go up the Mount of Olives. (30) What was David’s prayer? (31) Who meets David at the summit? (32) What does David want Hushai to do? (33-37)