

**Recap of 2/22/26 message by Joe Ricchuiti
("The Crowd is Wrong") 2 Samuel 14:1-24.**

1. - "It is a tragic fact of David's life that his disregard for what God had to say about marriage brought him untold grief and heartache. David became a victim of his own sinful lifestyle. There were far too many wives and far too many sons and daughters for David to [properly raise and discipline them. He didn't have the time to become involved in their lives. David may have been a great King, a brilliant military strategist, a writer of beautiful poetry, but he was a terrible failure as a husband and father. The chapters that follow will demonstrate some of the consequences of his failure to discipline and instruct his own family. (Mittelstaedy)

- "We need to give as much or more thought to our parenting as we do to our careers." (Richards)

2. -David did not properly discipline his children because:

-He was indulgent of their wrongs.

-He was indecisive, inconsistent

-His own misconduct may have paralyzed him from action

3. "What a twisted thing sin is. Its motives and machinations are convoluted and perverse." (Carson)

"Ask God to give you a healthy fear of the consequence of giving in to the sins of the flesh...temptation makes a sin seem very attractive, but it is a lie." (Eims)

4. David made an unwise decision in allowing Absalom to return because:

-He did not seek God in the decision

-He was swayed by popular opinion

-He was influenced by a friend who had not sought God's direction

-His indulgent love for his son.