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2 Samuel 15:13-37

I. Traveling in the wrong direction (13-17).

- A. What is happening here? an exile (see Exodus 12:41; 13:8; 23:15; 34:18).
- B. Keeping up appearances.

II. The Foreign Legion (18-23).

- A. The hearts of Israel belong to Absalom; the hearts of Gentiles belong to David.
- B. The loyalty of Ittai to David (verse 21 with Philippians 1:20-21)

III. Submitting to God's will (24-29).

- A. Zadok and Abiathar arrive with the ark (see 1 Samuel 21-22 esp. 22:23).
- B. David would rather submit to God's judgment than manipulate him (25b-26).
- C. A dangerous thing to say (see Judges 19:24; 1 Samuel 3:18; 2 Samuel 10:12)!
- D. What's the alternative?
- E. Submitting to God's will takes faith.

IV. Via Dolorosa (30-37).

- A. Crossing the Kidron wadi and heading up the Mount of Olives.
- B. The worst news yet and a gasped-out prayer.
- C. An immediate answer in the form of Hushai.

V. A few things to draw from this.

- A. When we are vulnerable we do not try to manipulate God.
- B. Rather, we consciously submit ourselves to God's will.
- C. Why does David's resolution have to be ours?
- D. In David's submission we see Another's submission (see Isaiah 53:10a).
- E. Right resolution (see John 13:16).
- F. "But even if he does not," (see Daniel 3:18; Job 13:15).
- G. Real hope (see Romans 8:11).