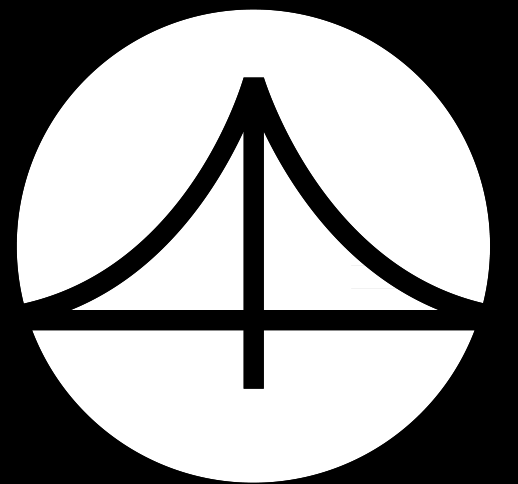


# David's Relationships: Joab

2 Samuel 3:20-29

2 Samuel 10:6-14

2 Samuel 19:1-8



**God equips us to face complicated relationships with skill and integrity.**

- Proper Perspective
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# Proper Perspective

- Your greatest strength is almost always your greatest weakness
- Joab's greatest strength: He is a fierce and fearless warrior
- Joab's greatest weakness: He tends to solve problems using violence

# Appearances vs. Reality

- Joab's external bravery often hides the deep insecurities inside him
- It's common for people's behavior and the things we can see on the outside to mask the reality of what's happening in their hearts

# Responding to Complications

- David tends to not respond well when Joab does things that hurt him or harm the kingdom
- David's own fear and insecurity excuses Joab's behavior, and the situation gets worse
- When we see someone acting in ways that are wrong and we don't speak or act against what they're doing, we may be enabling them

# Complicated Relationships and Us

- At some point, each of us has been on each side of complicated relationships
- Jesus is the most skilled person in history at handling these relationships
- Jesus isn't just our example, He's also the Savior who equips us to respond well to these relationships