

GO! ENCOURAGE THESE MEN!

2 Samuel 19:1-8

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When someone does something for you and you say “thanks”, you are thanking them for what they’ve done for you. But appreciation is different. It goes from thanking someone for WHAT they’ve done to appreciating WHO they are.

1. THE MEN ARE DAZED! – vv. 1-2 Why is David so emotional over Absalom? David turned what should’ve been a victorious celebration into a weeping memorial service for Absalom!

Fathers and men of today can often feel dazed when their rightful expectations of their wives and children are not met.

2. THE MEN ARE DISGRACED – vv. 3-4 Instead of strutting their stuff for the victory won, they had to walk around like they’d been defeated. / A man should never have to walk around his house disgraced by the emotional imbalances of family members who need to “get it together!”

3. THE MEN ARE DEFENDED – vv. 5-6 Instead of the people’s faces glowing with pride over David, they are ashamed of him as their King because of his twisted sense of love. How can you express love to someone who hated you, and those who love you feel hated? / Nothing should please you ladies and children more than to appreciate what you got!

4. DAVID IS DIRECTED – v. 7 Joab instructs David to get up from his pity party and look objectively at what is going on, then thank and appreciate the men for what they have done! But warns him that if he doesn’t, moving forward, they will abandon him, and he’ll be worse off without their support.

When a brother can’t get ongoing encouragement from the expected source, eventually he will shut down on the inside. Wives and children, encourage and congratulate these men for being in your lives!

5. THE MEN ARE DELIGHTED! – v. 8, 14-15

David is being returned to Israel which no doubt carried with it a celebration! Imagine the excitement now of the men who gave all they had to make the king successful! / Ladies and children, part of your success in life is due to your earthly father/husband who have gone the distance for you. But all our success is due to our heavenly Father! So, we should praise and thank Him for doing WHAT He does and for being WHO He is!