

## The Tide Turns

2 Samuel 3-4

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will act. Psalm 37:5

### Saul's House Divided 3:1-11

- David's rule grew stronger as Saul's regime weakened.
- Abner made \_\_\_\_\_ strong while David trusted God to make him strong.
- When Abner dishonors Ish-bosheth, their alliance is permanently broken.

### Abner Pledges Allegiance to David 3:12-21

- Abner initiates a covenant between the houses of Saul and David that will \_\_\_\_\_ the nation under David's kingship.
- Abner encourages key leaders of the northern tribes to acknowledge David as the king of God's choosing for all Israel.
- Abner, along with a delegation, pledges loyalty and support to David. They will work to unite every tribe under David's rule.
- There is peace between the houses of Saul and David for the first time in many years.

*Choose God's ways during times of waiting. He will bring peace.  
Commit to trusting God and His perfect timing, even when it is hard to understand.*

### Abner Is Murdered and David Responds 3:22-38

- Joab accuses Abner of spying on David and calls David's \_\_\_\_\_ into question.
- Joab murders Abner, avenging the death of his brother Asahel.
- David demonstrates compassion for Abner and a desire for justice and restoration.
- David's actions after Abner's death bring peace and unity instead of division and hatred.

### Ish-bosheth Is Murdered and David Responds 4:1-12

- Ish-bosheth's own men kill him in his sleep, hoping to win David's \_\_\_\_\_.
- David has the murderers put to death and demonstrates his own innocence in the matter.
- David gives Ish-bosheth an honorable burial.

*Choose God's ways during adversity. He will help you and protect you.  
Commit to taking refuge in God alone.*

**David – The King of God’s Choosing – 2 Samuel 3-4**

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**PROVERBS 19:21** Many are the plans in the mind of man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.

**PSALM 37:23** The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in His way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the LORD upholds his hand.

**PROVERBS 16:7** When a man’s way pleases the LORD, He will make even his enemies be at peace with him.

**MICAH 7:7** But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

**ROMANS 12:19, 21** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord” ...Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**PSALM 37:37** Mark the blameless and behold the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace.

**PSALM 37: 39-40** The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; He is their stronghold in the time of trouble. The LORD helps them and delivers them; He delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in Him.