

Greatness: The Life of Israel's Greatest King and How Yours Can Be Better
2 Samuel 14
David's Lack of Effort to Reconcile

There are two clear testimonies of David's total lack of effort to bring about Biblical reconciliation in 2 Samuel 14.

- (1) _____ had to come up with a plan to get David to bring Absalom back to Jerusalem. (14:1-24)
- (2) _____ had to manipulate Joab into arranging an opportunity for him to present his case to his father David! (14:25-33)

There are two clear New Testament steps to relational reconciliation.

Step #1 – _____. Forgiveness isn't restoration but rather the letting go of the right to be angry or offended and exchanging it for an objective willingness to be restored. (Ephesians 4:32, 1 John 4:10-11)

Step #2 – _____. A genuine confession of wrong that's testified by a 180° turn of purpose and actions. (2 Peter 3:9, Acts 2:38)

Challenge: Who in your life are you refusing to _____? Who in your life has forgiven you, but you are refusing to _____ and be restored to them?