

Greatness: The Life of Israel's Greatest King and How Yours Can Be Better
2 Samuel 15
The Betrayal That Finally Woke Up David

2 Samuel 15 lets us see two contrasting scenarios of David's life and leadership.

(1) David's passivity facilitated Absalom's selfishly ambitious marketing strategy to lead a coup and replace David as King. (15:1-12)

- A. Step One** – _____ the part! (15:1)
- B. Step Two** – Create incorrect perceptions about the _____ leadership. (15:2-3)
- C. Step Three** – Present yourself as a _____. (15:4)
- D. Step Four** – Use _____ to win friends and influence people. (15:5-6)
- E. Step Five** – Make it appear you're doing everything for _____. (15:7-9)
- F. Step Six** – _____ cue your supporters to publicly proclaim you as King. (15:10-12)

(2) Absalom's betrayal shook David enough to finally wake him up from his _____. (15:13-30)

Challenge: Are you allowing the knowledge of the awesomeness of life in Christ to be your motivation to actively and consistently pursue an _____ relationship with Him, or are you going through life with the same kind of spiritual passivity that enabled David to do nothing about his own son undermining his throne for four straight years? (Psalm 3)