## On the Side of God, Part 2

## Primary Text: 2 Samuel 16:5-14,

- -These two men are in the same situation, yet they act drastically different
  - I. Shimei ~ 2 Samuel 16:5-14, 19:18-23
    - a. He was jealous that the throne had passed from his tribe, Benjamin, to another man's tribe
    - b. He allowed himself to be in an alliance with a traitor, Absalom
    - c. He had given his heart over to his own desires
  - II. Ittai the Gittite~ 2 Samuel 15:17-23
    - a. He is known as a "mighty man"
    - b. He gathered all he had for David and was blessed by David
    - c. He gathered all his people to be on the side of David

## **Notes:**

- III. How are these two men the same?
  - a. Shimei was a man from a fallen royal house; Ittai was a stranger in his own land
  - b. Both men carried a badge of disgrace: Shimei was from a house whose legacy ended in tragedy, Ittai was not a covenant man, he was an outsider.
  - c. Both were poor
- IV. How are they different?
  - a. Shimei despised the plan of God and, therefore, despised the man of God
  - b. Ittai loved the man of God, and therefore, loved the man of God
  - c. Shimei was clinging on to everything he had; Ittai was willing to give everything he had

|        | d.<br>e. | Shimei falsely repentance, Ittai did not have to beg for mercy because he was faithful from the beginning Shimei ended up being executed, Ittai was put in charge of a great army |
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| Notes: |          |   |
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| Three  | questio  | ns:   |
|        | Have t   | he circumstances of life caused you to kick and throw rocks at God, like i? Or have life's circumstance drawn you closer to God's plan?   |
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| 2)     |          | you been a casualty of life due to your own poor choices, actions, words, or ou risen to a place, despite poor choices, actions and words, as a mighty f God?                     |
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| 3)     |          | you tried to keep your small future for your own glory? Or are you willing it all for God?  |
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