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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Loyal friends who trust God with you

2 Samuel 15:13-16:14

- I. David's loyal officials: Hearing that Absalom revolted, David decided to flee Jerusalem with many of his friends (15:13-18).
  - True friends are loyal even when you are losing.
  - We can trust God to use setbacks as He delivers us.
- II. Ittai the loyal soldier – David offered Ittai freedom to follow Absalom, but Ittai remained loyal (15:19-22).
  - Giving people freedom often prompts loyalty.
  - Godly friends are loyal to those who are loyal to God.
- III. Zadok the loyal priest and spy – David told Zadok to stay with God's ark and serve as informant (15:23-29).
  - Worshipping during trials exhibits trust in God's sovereignty.
  - True friends support each other in trusting God
  - True friends courageously accept risk.
- IV. Hushai the loyal advisor and spy – David directed Hushai to discreetly undermine Ahithophel (15:30-37).
  - God sends true friends in answer to prayer.
  - Prayer and smart planning are not contradictory.
- V. Ziba the greedy opportunist – David innocently believed Ziba and gave him Saul's land (16:1-4).
  - God can provide in trials even from insincere people.
- VI. Shimei the cursing critic – David trusted God to handle Shimei's rant and abuse against him (16:5-14).
  - When we trust God's sovereignty we can respond to slander without revenge.