

The Truth Behind the Words  
2 Samuel 11-19

Introduction - Thankfulness brings **BLESSINGS** while ingratitude brings disaster. - Romans 1:16-22

I. David's **STORY**

- Blessed during thankfulness - 2 Samuel 7:15-16, 22
- Disaster strikes with ingratitude - 2 Samuel 11:1-2, 26-27; 12:7-8
- David's confession - 2 Samuel 12:13
- Nathan's prophecy - 2 Samuel 12:11-12

II. Absalom's **REBELLION**

- Background: Son of Maacah, Brother of Tamar, Grandson of Talmai the King of Geshur - (1 Samuel 27:8; 2 Samuel 3:3)
- Amnon raped his half-sister Tamar; Absalom murders Amnon in revenge - 2 Samuel 13:14; 13:28-29
- Good politician; self-promotion plus flattery - 2 Samuel 15:1-6
- Flattery has a selfish motivation versus compliments to benefit the recipient
- False teachers - 2 Peter 2:3, Romans 16:18, 1Thessalonians 2:5, Colossians 2:8; Make you feel better about yourself, one's potential and personal greatness
- Fits with the time we live in - 2 Timothy 4:3

III. Christ's **MESSAGE**

- Die to ourselves - Luke 9:23

- Keeping our life now means we lose it - Luke 17:33
- Love Jesus more than self or others - Matthew 10:37-39
- Jesus spoke truth even when the multitudes left Him - John 6:66
- Jesus' Warning - Matthew 10:16; Seek wise counsel - Proverbs 19:20
- Do the Father's Will - John 8:29; Bring others to Jesus Christ - Matthew 4:19

Conclusion - Let **GRATEFULNESS** and wisdom rule in your heart making it difficult for an "Absalom" to take advantage of you.