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### Intro:

In Ch. 16 & 17 we see David handling several trying situations well as he saw them as the Lord's hand of *discipline* upon him for his past sins.

David understood that God was *refining* him through a series of tragedies and trials.

To David, *trusting* God meant doing what we could do and then leaving the *outcome* up to God.

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## **I. Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition**

While at Mahana-Im David makes *preparations* for battle.

He wants to *accompany* the troops;

**1.** Because he *sined* by not doing it last time,

**2.** He wanted to make sure *Absalom* was not harmed.

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## **I. Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition**

He is not *allowed* to accompany the troops  
because;

- 1.** If he is *killed* they lose everything,
- 2.** It would be *difficult* for him to *fight* his son,
- 3.** By staying back he could bring *reserves* to  
fight.

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## **II. Between Heaven and Earth**

David defeats Absalom’s army aided by the *Lord*,  
**2 Sam. 17:14.**

David used *Gorilla* warfare tactics in his *victory*.

## **III. Correct but not Right**

In taking Absalom’s *life* Joab sought *justice* and was;

- 1.** *Correct* in thinking Absalom’s death was for the better,
- 2.** Wrong in *disobeying* the king’s orders.

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### **III. Correct but not Right**

God *forgave* David for the same sins as Absalom. The difference was *repentance*.

The *life* we live is the *monument* we build.

### **IV. Good News, Bad Reaction**

David was *between* the gates, both a father and a king. His *failures* at both belies our failure as *parents*.

As Christians we must first be *followers* of Christ and *parents* secondly.

We must *value* our relationship with Jesus *above* our relationship with our kids.

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## V. Discipline

The *heavenly* goal of discipline is *holiness*, Heb. 12:10.

Don't let *past* sins weaken your commitment to discipline.

The price of *restoration* in 2 Samuel was the *death* of a son. The price of reconciliation in the NT was also the *death* of a Son and it was called the *Good News*.

The second Son's death secured our *forgiveness* and restoration.