

FORGIVENESS: STUDY OF DAVID
2 Samuel 16:5-14 & 19:15-22
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We are by nature unforgiving creatures!

A BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATION OF FORGIVENESS

DAVID: SCENE I

- An opportunity to be **offended**. (2 Sam 16:5-8)
- **Counsel** from Abishai. (2 Sam 16:9)
- David's **choice** (2 Sam 16:10-12)

DAVID: SCENE II

- An opportunity to get **even**. (2 Sam 19:15)
- Shimei's **plea**. (2 Sam 19:16-20)
- Abishai's **counsel**. (2 Sam 19:21)
- David's **choice**. (2 Sam 19:22)

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

1. **Cultivate** a thicker layer of skin.
2. Attempt to **understand** the offender.
3. **Recall** when you needed forgiveness.
4. **Verbalize** your forgiveness.